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PROVINCIAL LOAN HAS BEEN RENEWED

One-Year Treasury Bills Now Run for Ten Years at High Rate of Interest

LIBERAL LEADER SPEAKS OF FEAT OF FINANCE

Repels Baseless Attacks Made on Opposition by New Government Leader

With a tremendous flourish of trumpets it is announced from across the Bay by the minister of finance, Hon. W. J. Bowser, that the loan of \$2,700,000, floated last January through Colonel H. C. Payne, and his financial associates in New York, has been renewed through a Toronto firm.

The loan was in treasury bills for one year at four and one-half per cent, for which the province got 93 1/2. These are now renewed, according to the announcement, for ten years at 6.33 per cent, through Wood, Gundy & Company, a Toronto firm of brokers. It is very significant that the price at which the bonds are being sold is not given in the official and inspired statement contained in the government organ.

It is claimed that the province has the money in the bank to meet the treasury bills shortly to be due, but it is explained that Mr. Bowser, after taking advice upon the matter, thinks it wise to "keep any surplus money which the government has on hand to meet the contingencies which might arise as a result of complications following a prolonged war." The announcement of the renewal is made the occasion by both the attorney-general and his chief party organ to attack the leader of the Liberal party.

Bowser is in Charge.

"This is the first official pronouncement that Sir Richard McBride is down and out," said H. C. Brewster, the Liberal leader, to-day in discussing the renewal of the loan. "It is an announcement, too, that the government is in the hands of the attorney-general, and that he is intending to bring on a general election at an early date. The announcement is also made in a subtly lawyer-like way to the faithful henchmen throughout the province that the treasury has been replenished, and that they may expect very substantial votes under the head of public works at the coming session, from which they will have the opportunity to siphon the usual fifty cents on the dollar to keep them in line until after they have rendered their service as a quid pro quo at the election."

"Mr. Bowser's tirade against myself, based entirely upon falsehood, was an undertaking to state that I was 'knocking' the financial standing of the province while I was on a private visit—not a 'campaign,' as the Colonist calls it—to the east, is designed merely as a cloak to the real announcement that the treasury can be depended upon to provide the munitions for another appeal to the people. Grandma Colonist also enlarges at great length editorially on Mr. Bowser's statement, and proceeds along its usual line of vicious journalism in constructing a man of straw, and then with great vigor demolishing it, apparently at my expense."

No Cause For Satisfaction.

"In the first place, why should there be such jubilation over the placing of a loan for \$2,700,000 at a rate of interest, according to the attorney-general, of 6.33, approximately six and one-half per cent, for a ten-year term? Is this in itself not a 'knock' given the province by the attorney-general, showing, as it does, that he has no hopes of better financial conditions within the province for a long period of years? It might be asked how it comes that the loan was not renewed through the same house which handled it for the government a year ago. Is it that the house would not or could not do so? And what are the features of the renewal that form ground for the public approval which Mr. Bowser and the Colonist think should be given freely and without question?"

"We are told that it was not incumbent upon the government to renew the loan, in view of the fact that it had the money in the bank to meet it, and that the advice given was to keep these funds in bank. What sort of financial genius is it that is boasted as worthy of applause which keeps money in bank drawing three per cent, and borrows at six and one-half per cent? From whom did he get the advice to 'keep any surplus money which the government had on hand to meet contingencies'? No doubt it was his friend the Hon. Robert Rogers, who is a great believer in always having an overflowing treasury at hand when there is going to be an election. What cause for jubilation over the rate of interest is there when the banks have so much money on deposit that they do not know what to do with it; when the bank statement for October showed that the deposits (Continued on page 16.)

FREEDOM REGARDING FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Censors Will Not Interfere With News of Work of Grey's Department

NEW RULE COMES INTO FORCE NEXT MONDAY

Responsibility Upon Directors of Newspapers and News Agencies

London, Dec. 13.—The following official statement was made public last night:

"Sir Edward Grey has arranged that from Dec. 29, 1915, censorship by the press bureau on behalf of the foreign office shall be suspended. This will not mean a change in the provisions of the Defence of the Realm Act or of regulations made thereunder. They will binding as heretofore, but the responsibility of seeing that they are complied with as regards the publication by any newspaper or by any news agency of matter relating to foreign affairs will rest upon the directors of that newspaper or news agency."

"As regards matter gathered abroad from this country, the responsibility will rest with the senders of telegrams. 'Nothing in this announcement affects the existing arrangements for the censorship of naval or military matters, to which wholly different considerations apply, nor the censorship of other matters, save so far as they relate to foreign affairs.'"

DESTROY BRIDGES AS THEY FALL BACK

British and French Hampering Movements of Bulgarians; Violent Fighting

Paris, Dec. 13.—A dispatch to the Havas Agency from Athens yesterday said:

"According to semi-official sources a definite solution of the questions pending between Greece and the entente powers has been nearly reached. Col. Rallis, of the Greek military commission, after an interview with General Sarraïl, commander-in-chief of the French army in the Orient, declared that negotiations were proceeding satisfactorily."

"The retreat of the allied forces is proceeding slowly, but normally and in security. The French and British are taking time to destroy tunnels and bridges in order to prevent the enemy following too closely. The Greek government is considering seriously the risks which the Greek army may run as the result of interruption of communication by rail with western Macedonia."

Violent Fighting.

"The battle between the Bulgarians and the British troops north of Doiran, Serbia, was exceedingly violent. Two columns of Bulgarian, with light artillery, succeeded in shaking the British line, which retired to the second line. A British counter-attack, supported by powerful artillery, repulsed the enemy, however, inflicting heavy losses. The British are dragging back their line toward the Greek frontier, in accordance with General Sarraïl's plan."

"The stationmaster at Doiran reports that shells fell to-day (Sunday) in the vicinity of the station."

Desolation in Serbia.

"Members of the diplomatic corps here describe the situation in Serbia as learned from reliable sources. There is the greatest desolation over the entire territory occupied by the Germans and Bulgarians. The Bulgarian, Austrian and German soldiers and merchants refuse to take Serbian money except as a discount of 50 per cent, or more, in spite of posters officially declaring that Serbian paper money and coins retain their face value. Austrian, Bulgarian and German merchants already are overrunning the country, and boasting that Serbia never again will be a free nation. Their procedure is increasing the misery of the Serbians left in the country, which is becoming indescribable."

COMING TO VICTORIA.

Seattle, Dec. 13.—Fred S. Thompson and D. Gordon Edelman, aviators who are well known in the east, are in Seattle to-day on their way to Victoria. They will spend about two weeks before going to the British Columbia capital.

FOR PATRIOTIC FUND.

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—Contributions to the patriotic fund acknowledged to-day include \$20,897 from the North Alberta branch and \$3,170 from the Vancouver branch.

LORD CECIL TO MAKE STATEMENT LATER ON BOY-ED AND VON PAPAN

London, Dec. 13.—Sir Edwin Cornwall asked Lord Robert Cecil, parliamentary under-secretary for foreign affairs, in the House of Commons, to-day whether safe conducts would be given to Captains von Papan and Boy-Ed, the German military and naval attaches respectively, whose recall from Washington the United States secured. The parliamentary under-secretary did not reply, asking for a notice on the question.

GREEK GOVT. SAYS SOLUTION IS NEAR

Questions Regarding District of Salonica Will Be Settled Soon

ENTENTE MINISTERS SAW M. SKOULOUDIS

Paris, Dec. 13.—The military problems involved in the presence of the troops of the allies at Salonica are in a way of speedy solution, according to a statement issued by the Greek government yesterday, transmitted by the Havas correspondent at Athens. The statement, as forwarded by the correspondent, says:

"Yesterday afternoon the ministers of the quadruple entente called on the president of the cabinet (M. Skouloudis), with whom they exchanged views concerning the negotiations engaged in at Salonica between the military authorities of the entente and Greece regarding local questions of a military nature. These negotiations have entered upon a phase of definite solution."

Seeking Agreement.

Telegraphing from Athens yesterday, the Havas correspondent said that Premier Skouloudis, in replying on Saturday to the representatives of the entente powers, who pressed him for a prompt solution of the military problems in Macedonia, repeated that Greece was disposed to make every concession not incompatible with her sovereignty and the neutrality of the country."

"It is certain, the dispatch added, that the entente diplomats, as a result of the discussion which followed the interview, were convinced that the Greek government was sincerely seeking a satisfactory solution of the problems. Assurance has been given in government circles that the entente powers will abstain in future from the use of coercive measures, the correspondent stated."

French Women Are as Determined as the Men of France

Paris, Dec. 13.—The National Council of French Women, after having decided not to take part in any international political congress during the war, has issued the following manifesto:

"The German women are making demonstrations for peace. We mothers, wives, daughters and sisters who have not lost, but have given all that is most precious to us, must make demonstrations for war."

"We must not let a word of peace be uttered until our dear dead are avenged, our country liberated and a great victory achieved. We do not want war for war's sake—we want war for the sake of peace."

"French women, love and be worthy of your country. If we cannot give our blood, let us give our hearts and souls."

ORTERIC SUNK BY GERMAN SUBMARINE

Liverpool, Dec. 13.—The British steamship Orteric, of 5,535 tons gross, has been torpedoed by a German submarine, according to announcement here to-day. The Orteric was en route to Liverpool from Rio de Janeiro.

"The Orteric is the largest vessel torpedoed by submarines in the Atlantic for some time. The vessel was built at Glasgow and was 460 feet long, with a beam of 57 feet. She was owned by the Bank Line, Ltd.

Pine Grove Sunk.

London, Dec. 13.—The British steamship Pine Grove, of 2,842 tons gross, has been sunk. Her crew was saved.

Dante Alighieri Safe.

New York, Dec. 13.—The steamship Dante Alighieri, of the Trans-Atlantic Italian line, is safe in an Italian port, according to a cable from the home office at Genoa to-day.

On December 10 a London dispatch said the Italian vessel Dante Alighieri had been torpedoed. There is a freighter of that name.

REPLY MUST COME WITHIN ONE WEEK

Govt. of Austria-Hungary Must Disavow Sinking of Ancona

TEXT OF NOTE SENT BY AMERICAN GOVT.

Commander of the Submarine Must Be Punished for "Inhuman, Barbarous Act"

Washington, Dec. 13.—Further action by the United States government on its demands of Austria-Hungary as set forth in a communication regarding the sinking of the Italian liner Ancona, the text of which was published to-day, now rests with the Austrian government.

The note clearly indicates that a break in the diplomatic relations between the two countries will follow failure of the Austro-Hungarian government to redress the acts of the submarine commander, which are declared to have been illegal and indefensible. A week at most probably will be given Austria-Hungary to accede to the American demands.

The text of the note reveals a formal demand by the United States for prompt denunciation of the "illegal and indefensible" act; for punishment of the submarine commander and for reparation by the payment of indemnity for the sinking and injuring of innocent American citizens.

Regard for Law and Humanity.

"These demands follow a statement informing Austria-Hungary that 'the good relations of the two countries must rest upon a common regard for law and humanity.' The note arraigns the shelling and torpedoing of the liner as 'inhuman,' 'barbarous' and a 'wanton slaughter' of 'helpless men, women and children.'"

In official and diplomatic circles the communication is regarded as being the most emphatic declaration to come from the United States government since the beginning of the European war. No attempt is made to conceal the fact that unless the demands are quickly complied with diplomatic relations between the two countries will be in grave danger of being severed."

Text of Note.

The text of the note, which was handed to the Austrian foreign office Thursday by Ambassador Penfield follows:

"The secretary of state to Ambassador Penfield:

"Department of State, Washington, D. C., December 6, 1915.

"Please deliver a note to the minister of foreign affairs, textualy as follows:

"Reliable information obtained from American and other survivors who were passengers on the steamship Ancona shows that on November 7 a submarine flying the Austro-Hungarian flag fired a solid shot toward the steamship; that thereupon the Ancona attempted to escape, but being overhauled by the submarine, she stopped; that after a brief period and before the crew and passengers were able to take to the boats, the submarine fired a number of shells at the vessel and finally torpedoed and sank her while there were yet many persons on board, and that by gunfire and foundering of the vessel a large number of persons lost their lives or were seriously injured, among whom were citizens of the United States."

Declaration of Survivors.

"The public statement of the Austro-Hungarian admiralty has been brought to the attention of the government of the United States and received careful consideration. This statement substantially confirms the principal declaration of the survivors, as it admits that the Ancona, after being shelled, was torpedoed and sunk while persons were still aboard."

"The Austro-Hungarian government has been advised, through the correspondence which has passed between the United States and Germany, of the attitude of the government of the United States as to the use of submarines in attacking vessels of commerce, and the acquiescence of Germany in that attitude, yet with full knowledge on the part of the Austro-Hungarian government of the views of the government of the United States, as expressed in no uncertain terms to the ally of Austro-Hungary, the commander of the submarine which attacked the Ancona failed to put in a place of safety the crew and passengers of the vessel which they purported to destroy, because, it is presumed, of the impossibility of taking it into port as a prize of war."

Violations of Law.

"The government of the United States considers that the commander violated the principles of international law and of humanity, by shelling and torpedoing the Ancona before the persons on board had been put in a place of safety or even given sufficient time to leave the vessel. The conduct of the commander can only be characterized as wanton slaughter of defenceless non-combatants since, at the time when the vessel was shelled and torpedoed, she was a peaceful merchant vessel."

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ANXIOUS TO AVOID A PUBLIC HEARING

U. S. Authorities Have Important Evidence Against Crowley and Brincken

ONE VAN KOOLBERGEN ARRESTED IN CANADA

Interesting Developments Expected at San Francisco Within Few Hours

San Francisco, Dec. 13.—Secret evidence of an important nature in the bomb conspiracy case is believed to be responsible for the eagerness of federal authorities to prevent an immediate public hearing of Charles G. Crowley and Baron Wilhelm von Brincken, accused of complicity in the plots to destroy munitions factories and vessels supplying the allies.

The desire on the part of the authorities to avoid an immediate hearing in public has been manifested by the expressed hope that indictments against Crowley and Brincken would be returned to-day. This would delay the trials of the pair and in any event, obviate the necessity of holding a public hearing at once, and revealing all of the government's amassed evidence.

Just what is the nature of the secret evidence which the authorities are reluctant to reveal at this time is the cause of much conjecture to-day in official circles. J. P. O'Brien, attorney for Crowley, said early in the day that nothing new had transpired of interest to his client.

Will Be Dismissed.

Louis J. Smith, named as the employee of Crowley and Baron von Brincken, probably also will be indicted. It is understood Smith has been granted immunity for his confession and the charge will be dismissed as soon as he has completed his testimony.

Widely separated phases of the government's inquiry are converging to-day, with the promise of important developments ensuing within a few hours.

While the steamship Minnesota was slowly towed towards San Francisco, the secret of her crippled condition closely guarded, word was received that an important witness, Johannes Henrikus Van Koolbergen, had been arrested at some unnamed point in Canada. Van Koolbergen, a civil engineer, was employed by the German consulate-general here in connection with the British recruiting case, George A. McGowan, attorney for Baron von Brincken, upon learning of Van Koolbergen's arrest, said:

"The German consulate-general employed Van Koolbergen because he was suspected of being a spy of the allies. The consulate desired to learn what he knew and prove its suspicions that he was an agent of the enemies of Germany."

Baron von Brincken termed Van Koolbergen an "adventurer."

MOVED FROM PATH
OF ALLIED FORCES

Greek Army Leaves Zone Between Salonica and Doiran Clear

London, Dec. 13.—The actual withdrawal of the Greek army from the path of the allied forces which are falling back on Salonica is said to have been effected. A Reuter telegram, filed in Athens yesterday, says:

"As a result of the agreement between the Greek general staff and the allied generals, the division of the Greek army which has been stationed at Langana has been withdrawn to Serres, about fifty miles northwest of Salonica. The zone between Salonica and Doiran has been left free for movements of the allied troops."

"The allied military authorities took over a portion of the customs house at Salonica to-day."

RUSSIAN-ROUMANIAN FRONTIER IS CLOSED.

London, Dec. 13.—The Russians have closed the entire Russian-Roumanian frontier, according to a Central News dispatch received here to-day from Athens.

EARL OF GLASGOW DEAD.

London, Dec. 13.—David Boyle, aged 82, seventh Earl of Glasgow, died to-day at his home at Fairlie, Scotland. He served in the Crimean and China wars.

HEAD OF GOVT. OF GREECE; M. SKOULOUDIS



BULGARIANS ABOUT TO CROSS FRONTIER

Preparing to Enter Greece; Reported Greek Troops Will Leave Salonica

SOME PAPERS URGE NEW GREEK CAPITAL

Salonica, Dec. 13.—The newspaper Opinione asserts that Bulgarian troops are preparing to cross the Greek frontier and that Greek troops are moving toward the threatened point, apparently with the object of disputing a Bulgarian invasion.

From Salonica.

Paris, Dec. 13.—According to information received here from Athens, the Greek government has agreed to withdraw its troops from Salonica.

London, Dec. 13.—A Reuter dispatch from Salonica, dated Friday, says:

"Contingents of British troops were landed to-day. Fog, which is most unusual here, continues to prevail at Salonica and its environs."

Fighting on Border.

London, Dec. 13.—In spite of a heavy snowstorm, 250,000 Bulgarians are attacking the allies along the Greek border, according to advices received here to-day.

Milan, Dec. 13.—A Salonica message to La Stampa states that the expected concentration of the allies with Salonica as the base for their future operations, will have the initial effect of bringing the attitude of the Greek king and cabinet to a decisive issue.

Large Forces.

Private information reaching here is to the effect that the allies are now in a position to make such a concentration of the enemy in Southern Macedonia and Southern Bulgaria and hamper their freedom of movement either at the Dardanelles or on the Roumanian frontier."

The special correspondent of the Corriere della Sera wires that the Greek newspaper Opinione says Colonel Rallis, of the Greek military commission, has declared that if the Bulgarian army judges it necessary to cross the Greek frontier to pursue the allies, the Greek army, in order to avoid a dangerous position, will retire without opposing them."

Food riots are reported from Mandra and Eleusis.

The government has been advised by Germanophile papers to transfer its seat to Larissa.

VENIZELAS ASKED FORCES BE LANDED

Statement Made by Constantine Mentioned in House of Commons To-day

London, Dec. 13.—The statement of King Constantine of Greece, to the Associated Press, that the landing of allied troops in Greece had been made without his assent, was quoted in the House of Commons to-day. Lord Robert Cecil, parliamentary under-secretary for foreign affairs, was invited to reconcile it with Lord Lansdowne's statement that it was at the instance of the Greek prime minister that Great Britain had sent troops for Serbia by way of Salonica.

Lord Robert Cecil confirmed Lord Lansdowne's statement as "perfectly accurate," but declined to discuss the relations between the king of Greece and his former prime minister, as that, he said, was purely a domestic affair.

ATTITUDE OF GREECE OF CHIEF INTEREST

Apparently Willing Allies and Enemies Should Fight in Greek Territory

ALLIES NEED LOOK FOR NO OPEN GREEK SUPPORT

Rumored British Are Landing Troops at Port of Kavala

London, Dec. 13.—The difficult effort of Greece to maintain neutrality in the face of the retirement of the allied forces on Salonica and the movements of Bulgarians and Germans in following them; continues to be the chief matter of interest in the entente capitals. The latest decision of Greece, according to Athens dispatches, is to withdraw all considerable bodies of her troops impartially from danger of contact with entente troops in Salonica and the German allies on the northern front, leaving only small groups of soldiers for police purposes.

Whatever the future holds for Greece, her effort to clear her position toward the belligerents seemingly disposes of any idea that the allied forces in Greek territory are to occupy a privileged position with anything in the nature of open Greek support. The Greek army at Salonica to be reduced immediately in numbers to assure liberty of action to the entente troops there. At the same time Greek soldiers along the railway will be withdrawn to avoid complications whenever Germans, Austrians or Bulgarians enter Greek territory.

Bulgarians Lost Many.

So far as is known, the hard-fought attacks on the British in Macedonia thus far have been delivered by Bulgarians without German assistance. A dispatch to the Times says the Bulgarians left more than 8,000 dead or wounded on the field after two assaults on the British line.

"On the second attack," the dispatch continues, "our combined fire of artillery, rifles and rapid-firers was opened on the advancing masses at a range of about 500 yards. The Bulgarians faced the murderous hail at a run for 500 yards, then broke into flight, which quickly became a better-skater rout."

The possibility of various flanking movements through Greek territory is opened by the Greek decision to permit the country to become a field for the belligerents. It is rumored, for example, that British troops already are landing at Kavala, and that the first detachments of Serbians have been got around from Durazzo, Albania, to Salonica.

Allied squadrons continue to pay close attention to the Greek coasts and the restrictions on Greek commerce are unabated.

THE COMMANDER HAS NOT REPORTED YET

Austria's Excuse for Delay in Giving Details Regarding Ancona

Vienna, Dec. 13.—The reason for Austria's delay in replying to the American government's inquiry for details in the Ancona case, the Associated Press correspondent learns from a well informed source, is that it has been impossible thus far to get into communication with the submarine involved, although every effort has been made to do so.

Ambassador Penfield presented the first American communication on November 18, and was given assurances that the desired information would be obtained as soon as possible. A few days later it had not yet been possible to find the submarine and nothing is known of its whereabouts up to now.

Inasmuch as the submarine is a large one, with a wide radius of action, it is declared this might easily happen. It is considered possible also that the submarine may have met with misfortune.

Comments on Note.

London, Dec. 13.—The Evening Standard, reviewing the American note on the sinking of the Ancona, is unwilling to believe that the United States is prepared to exact a proper penalty for the outrage. It adds:

"The note is firm and definite, yet in view of the fact that previous wrong outrages ended in smoke, the public will prefer to wait before applauding the heroic stand."

The Westminster Gazette says:

"There is no weakness nor hesitation in the note, which is more in consonance with the position of the United States in the world than have been the messages in other cases of wanton outrage."

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WOULD FALL BACK BEFORE BULGARIANS

Greek Army Would Not Oppose Bulgarians Were They to Cross Border

London, Dec. 12.—A Reuter dispatch from Salonica under date of December 11, says:

"A profound sensation has been caused by the statement from a French source that Col. Rhallia, of the Greek military commission, at a meeting with the French generals yesterday declared in the name of the Greek government that should the Bulgarian army consider it necessary to cross the Greek frontier in pursuit of the allied armies, the Greek army, in order to avoid all dangerous contact, would retire before the Bulgarian forces."

"The French retirement," continues the dispatch, "has been unmolested for the past few days, doubtless due to the fact that they destroyed all the roads and bridges behind them. On their retirement from the right bank of the Gerna, the French burned the bridge spanning the river at Vozartsi, the ferry at Ribarski and the railway bridge at Gardsko. On abandoning Krivolak, the French destroyed parts of the railroad. At Demir-Kapu they blew up a long tunnel and an important bridge."

"During all these operations the French were facing four Bulgarian infantry divisions and one division of cavalry, but they succeeded in retiring with slight loss and took along their supplies."

WILL HURL BACK THE FORCES OF GERMANY

Statement by General Ruzsky, Able Russian Commander in North

Paris, Dec. 12.—Speaking of Field Marshal von Hindenburg's forces facing him in the Riga-Dvinsk sector, General Ruzsky, commanding the northern Russian armies, opposing the Germans in this region, is quoted in a Petrograd dispatch to the Petit Parisien as follows:

"The enemy's divisions which were sent to France have been replaced by a multitude of heavy and light guns and by kilometers of barbed wire. Their artillery is superior to ours, although we have enough. Our shell crisis over, we are getting all the ammunition we want from Petrograd."

"As to positions, advantages along this front—which is 300 versts (about 200 miles) or approximately half of that in France—are about equal. The offensive will become easier and the defense harder for both sides, but the Germans will not be able to bring up fresh forces if they take the offensive. The offensive is costly; whoever attacks must suffer heavy losses. Finally, it is now all a question as to who in a few months will have the largest number of effective—German or Russian. You know what forces we have in reserve, so good days are coming, when the Russian armies will advance."

ATTACK WAS MADE BY BRITISH AEROPLANES

Visited Miramont; Successful Exploit of Bombing Party at Neuve Chapelle

London, Dec. 12.—The following communication from Field Marshal Sir John French was issued last evening:

"On Wednesday sixteen of our aeroplanes bombarded a store and depot at Miramont (Somme district) and the aerodrome at Herilly. All the machines returned safely and considerable damage is believed to have been done both objectives."

"Our artillery has continued the bombardment of positions and the enemy's lines at Wer-Marquart and La Bouteillerie. The parapets were breached in several places. A fire started by our artillery yesterday in Cite Saint Elie was still burning this afternoon. The enemy's shelling of Arrancourt in reply to our bombardment caused two fires, which were quickly controlled."

"A successful bombing party was carried out by us last night about Neuve Chapelle. The German trenches were entered, although strongly held, one German machine gun was destroyed by bombs and a number of casualties were inflicted upon the enemy and the party returned to our trenches safely. One officer and four soldiers were wounded."

LOSSES OF BRITISH PEERAGE IN THE WAR

London, Dec. 12.—The new issue of "De Brette," the official annual record of British titles, strikingly illustrates how the aristocracy has suffered through the war. A roll of honor of some 300 names is given of those killed in battle or who have died of wounds, filling 12 pages. The list contains the names of one member of the royal family, 6 peers, 16 baronets, 6 knights, 7 members of the house of commons, 164 companions of various orders, 54 sons of peers, 83 sons of baronets, and 51 sons of knights. Changes in succession to more than one hundred titles thus have been caused.

ARTIFICIAL RUBBER, SAYS OVERSEAS AGENCY

Berlin, Dec. 12.—Automobile tires of artificial rubber are now being made in Germany, the Overseas News agency says. In his address to the reichstag last week Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg said German inventors had discovered a method of producing synthetic rubber.

"The Frankfurter Zeitung now announces that at almost the same hour that the chancellor's statement was made, the news agency says, 'a factory succeeded in working this rubber into tires which will wear for a year.'"

SEATTLE POLICEMAN DEAD; RESULT OF SHOT

Seattle, Dec. 12.—Patrolman Lawrence Eugene Kost, who was shot in the side in a battle with three suspected robbers late Friday night at Boren avenue and Terrace street, died at the city hospital yesterday morning. The wounded man began to sink about 4 o'clock Sunday morning, and attending physicians then abandoned all hope for his recovery. At first the end the policeman remained conscious, showing remarkable vitality.

ANOTHER DISAVOWAL

Washington, Dec. 12.—Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, announced yesterday that he had been authorized by his government "to disavow" von Rintelen, and declared that he had no instructions to commit any acts which were in violation of the law of the United States.

LIFE IMPRISONMENT

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—It is understood that at a meeting of the cabinet it was decided to commute the death sentence passed upon Mrs. Elizabeth Coward, of Fort James, B. C., to imprisonment for life. The woman is now in jail at Kamloops.

RECOMMENDATIONS BY SECRETARY DANIELS

Asks U. S. Congress to Undertake Extensive Building Programme for Navy

Washington, Dec. 12.—Details of the half-billion dollar navy building programme under the five-year continuing plan recommended to congress are contained in the annual report of Secretary Daniels made public last night.

The report shows that for the first time in the history of the department the secretary's recommendations increase the expenditures proposed by the general board. In this connection the secretary says:

"My recommendation of a five-year programme embraces the same number as proposed by the general board in the distribution it made in the five-year programme of dreadnoughts, battle-cruisers, scouts and destroyers. I recommend 15 fleet submarines where the general board recommends nine, and I recommend 45 coast submarines as against 33 recommended by the general board. For additional reserve ammunition, my recommendation is \$25,000,000, whereas the general board recommends \$11,000,000. They recommend something more for other craft. My total for the five years is \$502,482,214. The general board's total is \$499,876,000, a very slight difference for the five years, though the board's recommendation for the first year is much larger than the department's estimate."

"The five-year programme for new ships and completion of those already authorized reaches a grand total of \$502,482,214, with large appropriations for reserve ammunition and aviation."

Following will be the composition of the fleet in 1921, built or building, if the programme is carried out, according to the general board's calculation, the secretary says:

Battleships, first line	27
Battle cruisers	6
Battleships, second line	25
Armored cruisers	10
Scout cruisers	12
Cruisers, first class	5
Cruisers, second class	2
Cruisers, third class	10
Destroyers	108
Fleet submarines	18
Coast submarines	45
Monitors	6
Gunboats	20
Supply ships	4
Fuel ships	15
Transports	4
Tenders to torpedo vessels	35
Special types	8
Ammunition ships	2

Urging the necessity of a continuing building programme, the secretary says it is the "surest way to raise the standard of naval efficiency," and that little is to be gained by "sudden fluctuations and changes in policy."

"If a vote had been taken a few months ago," he adds, "as to types of ships to be constructed, a large majority of the people doubtless would have voted to go into building submarines on a scale so large as to leave little money for other fighting craft. Recently in navy circles the pendulum may be said to have swung away from an overlarge undersea programme with emphasis again placed upon the dreadnought."

The full total of the navy budget for the year is \$217,652,174; all but \$132,280,947 of which will go for ships now under construction or to be authorized. The remainder contemplates the increased personnel and general running expenses of the navy afloat and ashore.

Preparation Needed.

"In comparison with the enormous expenditures abroad," the secretary writes, "the large expenditure is necessary if our fleet is to be able to enforce American policies. The lesson of the European war warns us that it is better to spend money in times of peace for preparation than to run the risk, however remote, of sorely wanting ships and munitions if suddenly needed."

The secretary comments at length on the need of battle cruisers of the proposed 25-knot type. The events of the European war are recounted to show the part these craft have played and the reasons for including six of them in the building programme. As to the battleships of the future, the secretary says the suggested vessels are of much greater displacement and heavier armament than anything heretofore contemplated for any navy. The department is now discussing plans for ships of 36,000 tons and armed with 16-inch or perhaps 17-inch guns. The secretary says the plan has not yet been approved, but his estimates are based on ships to cost \$18,000,000 each, which would allow for the increased size.

Secretary Daniels takes another radical step in his report, arguing that the present system of promotion of officers by seniority be abandoned in favor of promotion by selection. He goes at length into the results of the seniority system to find that it produces "stagnation in the lower grades, arrival at command rank late in life and a fleet of ships combined with absolute lack of professional incentive throughout all grades."

VOTE IN FT. WILLIAM IN FAVOR OF CHURCH UNION

Fort William, Ont., Dec. 12.—A summary of the votes cast on church union in the Presbytery of Superior shows a majority of 581 for church union, made up as follows: Elders, 19 majority; members, 436 majority; adherents, 128 majority. The First Presbyterian church of Fort William was the only church to show a majority against the movement.

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The public is reminded, however, in accordance with the circular issued by the post office department on Friday last, that until further notice no parcel can be sent weighing over seven pounds.

ON PACIFIC COAST ALSO.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Three navy yards on the Atlantic coast and two on the Pacific will be equipped to build battleships under the plan Secretary Daniels will present to congress.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS.

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—Successful candidates in the qualifying civil service examinations held at Victoria on November 11 and 12 were:

Victoria—Thornton Clift, John Lytton Mara.

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GERMAN STATEMENT.

Berlin, Dec. 11.—The French again bombarded and then attacked the position recently taken by the Germans northeast of Souain, in the Champagne region, but were repulsed, the Germans retaining all their gains, according to official announcement to-day.

GOVT. TO BLAME, SAYS

PARKER WILLIAMS

Unsatisfactory Conditions in British Columbia Directly Due to Maladministration

Vancouver, Dec. 12.—Parker Williams, M.P.P., before a good-sized audience in the Labor Temple last night, delivered a strong anti-administration address under the auspices of the People's Forum, and he asked Sir Richard McBride, Attorney-General, Bowser and others of the cabinet and C. E. Tisdall, M.P.P., with cutting sarcasm, and pointed charges of negligence and maladministration. Such handling of provincial affairs, he declared, was responsible for the present financial conditions, though Sir Richard was trying to hide behind the cloak of the kaiser. It was not the war that had caused the slump in god times in this province, but the manner in which the Conservative government had handled affairs, till now men were being compelled to leave the province in search of work, and even children, in consequence of the acts of the government, had to go to bed hungry.

"A state of affairs is extant here," Mr. Williams said, "which is worse than that in any other province, when British Columbia, by reason of its vast resources and small population, at this time should be a shelter from any financial storm which might blow. To such a pass have conditions of employment come in this province that a man who has two sons in Flanders has been compelled to leave British Columbia to earn a living. White miners have been forced to leave the province, crowded out of their positions by Chinamen. British Columbia is the only part of the British empire where Chinese are permitted to work underground."

"So fearfully negligent has been the government that thousands have gone from the province, and this province suffers as does no other province or part of the continent. Not to the war nor to anything but maladministration of the government can present conditions be charged. The boundary country, through the influence of A. C. Flumerfelt, a man who is slated for a cabinet position, has been made a miniature Balkan state, and a man with a good Anglo-Saxon name cannot get a situation."

CANADIAN PATROLS

DOING GOOD WORK

Eyewitness Tells of Several Incidents; Ground Made Swampy by Rains

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—Major-General Sir Sam Hughes has received the following communication from the Canadian general representative in France:

"The heavy rains have rendered the low-lying ground very swampy. Large working parties have been employed reclaiming and improving our trenches. German working parties were frequently seen by day and as often fired upon by our artillery with good effect. On one occasion a party of 60 Germans was caught by our artillery fire in a shallow communicating trench. Several casualties were seen to result."

"On December 7 we exploded a mine and successfully blew up a German gallery from which sounds of mining had been heard."

"The enemy has displayed increasing activity in patrolling. On the night of December 8 an enemy bombing party was discovered approaching our trenches. Rapid fire was opened and the enemy driven off. Our patrols also have been active. On the night of December 8 a small patrol under Lieuts. Rant and Evans, of the Second Canadian Mounted Rifles, reconnoitred a small work constructed in front of the enemy lines on the previous night."

"On the night of December 7 a patrol of Royal Canadian Dragoons under Lieuts. Lindsay and Irving entered a German sap and followed it inward to the edge of the German wire. At this point a German patrol was encountered and bombed, after which our patrol withdrew safely."

"On the night of December 7-8 a patrol of our Second Battalion, under Lieut. Richardson, cut through the enemy's wire and climbed on top of his parapet. A party of five Germans was seen in the trench and successfully bombed."

"On the afternoon of December 8 Pte. Lindsay, of Lord Strathcona's Horse, crawled out from our lines and looked over the enemy's parapet. After counting the enemy in the trench and identifying the regimental badges on their caps, he returned undetected to our lines."

"Some cases of 'trench feet' and influenza have been reported, but the general health of our troops continues good."

AUSTRIA IS FEELING LACK OF MEN KEENLY

Zurich, Dec. 12.—The Austrian military authorities are preparing for a systematic mobilization of a great army of women workers for the munitions factories.

It is expected the employment of women will release many men for the front, and it is declared that every capable fighting man is now required there. It also is hoped that the change will enable the factories to supply material to the care-of-households are urged to work half a day in the factories.

COMPLETE UNITY IN

HANDLING OPERATIONS

Orders Sent to Balkans Signed by British and French War Ministers

Paris, Dec. 12.—Earl Kitchener, the Temps says, was unfavorably impressed, in the course of his Mediterranean visit, by the serious delays and difficulties which interfered with the expedition to Salonica. The attempts to rescue the Serbians, which failed, it seemed to him, might have been tried elsewhere with some chance of success.

These ideas were discussed at the conference at Calais, and then examined by the war council of the allies, held under the presidency of General Joffre, says the Temps, which adds: "Three days ago Earl Kitchener and Sir Edward Grey returned to Paris, and the result of the agreement regarding the Balkan campaign was the dispatch of identical instructions by the foreign ministers of France and Great Britain to the diplomatic representatives of those countries at Athens. General Sarrail, the French commander, and Lieut.-General Sir Charles Monro, the British commander, thus received instructions countersigned by the war ministers of France and Great Britain and the French commander-in-chief."

"Complete unity is now established between the two governments and immediately reflected in their military action on the Vardar. The happy effect of this co-ordination is now making itself felt."

CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—The following casualty list was issued on Saturday night:

First Battalion—Wounded: Pte. Albert McLennan Luke (formerly 55th battalion), Chatham, N. B.

Second Battalion—Wounded: Cpt. John Reynolds, Milwaukee, Wis. Previously reported missing; now officially reported prisoner at Duinen: Pte. G. W. Fairbairn, Scotland.

Third Battalion—Died of wounds, Dec. 7: Lt. Alfred James Lawrence Evans (formerly divisional engineer), Quebec.

Thirteenth Battalion—Suffering from concussion and shock: Pte. John Ross Cook (formerly 27th battalion), Hamilton, Ont.

Suffering from shell concussion: Pte. Chas. Ingram, Chadderton, Eng. Fifteenth Battalion—Died of wounds, Nov. 23: Pte. Geo. Wm. Fines (formerly 37th battalion), England.

Killed in action, Nov. 26: Pte. H. Hopley, England.

Wounded: Pte. E. Belanger (formerly 37th battalion), Montreal. Sixteenth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. M. Cameron, Winnipeg; Pte. Chas. H. Leslie, Scotland.

Slightly wounded—Pte. Dan H. McKinnon (formerly 17th battalion), Farnborough, C. B.

Suffering from shock: Pte. Fred Wm. Digby, East Vancouver, B. C.

Twenty-Fifth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. E. Henneberry, Ireland; Pte. Frederick E. Grant, Sydney, N. S.

Slightly wounded: Pte. Hughie A. McPhee, Sydney Mines, C. B.

Twenty-Sixth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. Sidney L. Killmaster, Wales; Pte. Myles J. Sullivan, Moncton, N. B.

Twenty-Eighth Battalion—Seriously ill: Pte. Arthur Brownfield (formerly 48th battalion, England; acute bronchitis.

Twenty-Ninth Battalion—Seriously ill: Pte. Wm. Francis Bertram (formerly 46th battalion), Burdette, Alta.; pneumonia.

Forty-Eighth Battalion—Seriously ill: Pte. L. Wilby, Victoria, B. C.; suffering from influenza.

Forty-Ninth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. Beverley G. Hadcock, Salford, Ont.

Fifty-Fifth Battalion—Died Dec. 10: Pte. George A. Bred, England.

55th Battalion—Seriously ill: Pte. C. Griffith, Bowman River, Man.

Princess Patricia's—Previously reported wounded, May 8; now reported wounded and missing: Pte. Samuel Ruston, England.

Previously reported missing, May 8; now reported killed in action: Pte. Robert H. Magee, Belfast, Ireland.

Killed in action, Nov. 26: Pte. John Buchanan, Scotland; Pte. Wm. Jones, England; Pte. Robert Jones, England; Pte. Frederick George Eagle, England.

Wounded: Pte. Wm. Marr, Ettevau, Sask.

Second Canadian Mounted Rifles—Wounded: Pte. Wm. Atkinson, Sumnerland, B. C.; Pte. Hartley Simpson, Kaleden, P. C.

Third Canadian Mounted Rifles—Killed in action: Pte. Arthur C. Wilson, Marx, Sask.

Wounded: Cpl. Miles H. Robinson, London, Eng.; Lee-Cpl. James Lorn Middleton, Scotland; Cpl. Wm. J. Pashie, Antigonish, N. S.; Lee-Cpl. Gordon Kenneth Foster, Cowansville, Que.; Pte. Wm. Henry Turton, Ottawa.

Wounded and suffering from shock: Pte. Thomas Francis Weeks, England. Fourth Canadian Mounted Rifles—Wounded: Pte. Thomas Ross, Ireland; Pte. John McKenzie, Scotland; Lee-Cpl. Frank P. Weir, England; Cpl. Frederick Turner, Dundas, Ont.; Pte. Jos. Richardson Sherry, Toronto.

Killed in Action: Pte. John Frederick Balmer, Toronto.

Suffering from shock: Pte. Edward Thomas Lee, Toronto.

Wounded and suffering from shock: Pte. J. Crawford Brown, Scotland.

Second Field Artillery—Drowned: Major Harvey G. McLeod, Guyshoro, N. B.

Lord Strathcona's Horse—Wounded, Dec. 7: Capt. Donald C. Davis, Macleod, Alta.

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According to an official report forwarded from Athens by Reuters's correspondent, the crew took to the lifeboats after the Gouladris, bound from Alexandria. The boats were towed for some distance by the submarine and then cast adrift.

The men were picked up by a British steamship, which, within twenty-five miles of Alexandria, was torpedoed by the submarine that had sunk the Gouladris. The crews of both vessels escaped in small boats and were picked up near Alexandria by another British steamship, reaching port safely.

TWO TURKISH GUNBOATS AND SAILING SHIP SUNK

Petrograd, Dec. 12.—The following official statement was issued on Saturday night:

"In the Black Sea, near the island of Keppken, east of the Bosphorus, on Friday three of our torpedo boats, after an auxiliary action, sank two Turkish gunboats. The torpedo boats suffered no loss. The torpedo boats also sank a large sailing vessel."

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This simple transaction of retiring treasury notes as they fell due by issuing ten-year bonds at a higher rate of interest seems to be regarded as a masterstroke by Mr. Bowser, who numbers the direction of the finance department among his multifarious duties. He professes to see in it an object lesson showing how imprudently the credit of the province has been safeguarded by the wise and statesmanlike administration with which, in variable capacities, he is associated. As to that, it is hardly necessary to say that should the day ever come when the great province of British Columbia will be unable to renew a loan for \$2,700,000 at a cost of 6.39 per cent., even with the handicap of Mr. Bowser in control of its affairs, it will be time for all of us to take to the woods. As a matter of fact, we are paying through the nose for the loan and our composite Attorney-General, Minister of Finance, Minister of Agriculture and prospective premier knows it. It is rather surprising that the New York house which handled the treasury notes did not jump at this particular offer.

It appears, however, that we did not need to convert the one-year treasury notes into a ten-year loan at all. Mr. Bowser explains that the province has ample funds in the bank with which to square the obligation. Last January Sir Richard figuratively flashed a six-million dollar balance in front of us, and subsequently, forgetting all about it, turned down numerous applications for various forms of assistance on the ground of financial stringency. Mr. Bowser, however, sagely points out that it is real wisdom to borrow money, even if there are millions in the bank, in order to meet contingencies which might arise unexpectedly from a prolonged war, whatever that may mean. Most people would regard it as lunacy, especially in view of the fact that the province pays 6.39 per cent. on the money it borrows and receives three per cent. from the bank. Would Mr. Bowser, with a fat bank balance, borrow more at top notch rates merely to demonstrate the soundness of his credit?

In his last budget speech—his valedictory—the late Minister of Finance declared that the deficits of this province for the years 1912-13 and 1913-14 aggregated \$13,000,000. Before that we had other deficits, but they were a million or so or under, which neither Sir Richard nor Mr. Bowser would deign to notice. These figures afford the real explanation of the loans issued by this province regardless of the rate that must be paid on them. The treasury note issue last year was an emergency issue; so was the issue of treasury notes in London the year before. People are not in the habit of borrowing money at extortionate rates when they have plenty of it in the bank.

When they do borrow, it is either to meet pressing obligations or for the sake of reinvesting at a profitable rate in their own behalf.

NEED OF MUNITION WORKERS.

Contracts for the production of war munitions have been awarded to various manufacturers in Victoria. It is estimated that the work will occupy a year and a half at least. We are assured by authorities on the subject that there is at present a dearth of workmen qualified to perform the labor in connection with the undertakings. This lack must be supplied. If it cannot be procured locally, it must be obtained from outside sources. That, we believe, is the situation. Certain portions of the work of shell construction can be performed only by workmen of high technical skill; but the larger proportion can be done by persons who have passed through merely rudimentary courses of instruction. Such courses the school board has offered to supply, and of course the usual objections have been taken. This is the first occasion, we believe, on which the board of education has had an opportunity to apply practically the powers conferred upon it to impart technical instruction. It should be an easy matter for the members of the board to discover whether the facts are as stated, and if they are the proposed technical course should be proceeded with regardless of opposition from any quarter which may fancy that its interests, as against the interests of the community in general, are menaced.

DISILLUSIONMENT.

The Berlin Morning Post was suppressed by the German government last week for publishing an article hostile to any form of peace which involved the abandonment by Germany of territory occupied by her soldiers. The incident is a sign of the times. A year ago all the newspapers in Germany and Austria, under instructions from headquarters, were yelping for the conquest of everything short of the moon. Peace was to be signed in London over the remains of the prostrate British empire. Enormous indemnities were to be wrung from Great Britain and France. India and Egypt were to be German protectorates. All the French coast-line as far as Havre and all of French Lorraine were to fall to the conquerors, while France's colonial possessions were to become German colonies. There was no limit to the demands of the German press speaking for the German government in those brave days of twelve months ago. And now? There is no more official nonsense about the French coast-line, French colonies, India, Egypt or a peace to be signed in London. Responsible newspapers dare not even demand that Germany should accept no peace which would involve the evacuation of any of the territory now held by her troops. The meaning of this prohibition is quite clear to the world. The Berlin government knows that the day is coming when it will have to announce to the German people the enforced retirement of its soldiers from other people's territory and it does not want any bitterness over it. The Potsdam camarilla will have a pretty time trying to justify its war policy to the German people.

THE CHAMPION OF OUR CREDIT.

Mr. Bowser accuses Mr. Brewster of "defaming the credit and standing" of the province by his speeches in the east criticizing the administration. The accusation is not new. All governments with records of incompetency and bare-faced corruption use it. Dr. Johnson stigmatized it as the last resource of a scoundrel. Sir Rodmond Roblin and the Winnipeg Colonist—that is, the Winnipeg Telegram—employed it night and day; and never more emphatically than when their disreputable machine was contemplating some assault upon the public interest. The morning paper in this city once declared that critics of Mackenzie and Mann were enemies of the province and intimated that the credit of British Columbia had become so inextricably involved with that of those two promoters that unless they were given everything they asked for, we would all go down in the same ship. We now are told in effect that the credit and standing of this great province are inseparably wrapped up with the political fortunes of an administration whose record smells to high heaven.

Mr. Bowser, posing as the champion of the credit and standing of this province, is a sight for the gods. Mr. Bowser, of the machine; patron and solicitor to speculators in public resources who must have their "chance!" Mr. Bowser, of Dominion Trust notoriety! What a fragile thing, indeed, would be the credit of this province if it could not survive the criticism of an administration which seems to regard government mainly as a means of enriching an army of spoilers and camp-followers, which created in British Columbia the rotten system disclosed at the recent coal inquiry and which for its political life dare not re-

move the boss whose methods were exposed on that occasion!

Within a few weeks British Columbia will be compelled to carry the burden of Mr. Bowser's premiership. What will happen then? Will that gentleman continue to maintain the "credit and standing" of this province by giving the "speculator his chance?" will the law firm of which he is the head continue to do business on behalf of clients seeking concessions from the government of which he is the chief? Will he buy more Indian reserves for \$200,000 on the basis of a commission of \$30,000 for two political followers? Will he permit the legislature to pass more unconstitutional legislation designed to assist a trust company, of which his own firm may be solicitors, in getting its fingers deeper into the public pocket? These questions are perfectly proper because of Mr. Bowser's astigmatic conception of what is due the credit and standing of British Columbia.

On the outbreak of war the German mercantile marine consisted of 5,409,296 tons, as compared with 19,256,766 tons owned by Great Britain. Of the German vessels 233,000 tons have been captured by the British navy, 35,000 tons by the other allies, 117,000 tons have been sunk, and 297,000 tons interned in various ports of the British empire. The remainder, with the exception of the vessels employed in the Baltic, have been rusting in German and neutral ports for over a year. The German flag has disappeared from the high seas.

Henry Ford, Ford paramount in the Ark of Peace, advises the people by wireless to eat less if they desire length of days. If Henry reaches Germany according to programme he will have an opportunity of putting his principles into practice—unless of course he obtains entrance to the inner courts of the war lords, who probably are in a different position from the common herd of Germany, dining sumptuously off the twenty million hegs said to be confined in Teutonic pens.

The British parliament has decided to extend its term for a year. Wonder what the Toronto News, which divides its time about equally between acting as jackal for Lord Northcliffe and defending or apologizing for the acts of the Borden government, thinks of that. It insisted upon the term of the Borden government being extended for several years under penalty of a general election.

Greece appears to have made a serious mistake in entrusting her destinies to Constantine instead of manfully supporting Venizelos. She is now "between the devil and the deep sea." We may be mistaken, but we think the end of "Tito," the relative and friend of the Kaiser, is in sight.

Germany, through von Bernstorff, has offered another "disavowal" to the United States. These are days of great "diplomatic triumphs" for President Wilson.

Boston Transcript: The government is rounding up the spies so rapidly now that it is expected all will be in custody by the time our last remaining factory is blown up.

REPLY MUST COME WITHIN ONE WEEK

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was not, it appears, resisting or attempting to escape; and no other reason is sufficient to excuse an attack, not even the possibility of rescue. "The government of the United States is forced, therefore, to conclude either that the commander of the submarine acted in violation of his instructions or that the imperial and royal government failed to issue in-

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structions to commanders of its submarines in accordance with the law of nations and the principles of humanity. The government of the United States is unwilling to believe the latter alternative and to the credit the Austro-Hungarian government with intention to permit its submarines to destroy the lives of helpless men, women and children. It prefers to believe that the commander of the submarine acted without authority and contrary to the general or special instructions which he had received.

"As the good relations of the two countries must rest upon a common regard for law and humanity, the government of the United States cannot be expected to do otherwise than to demand that the imperial and royal government denounce the sinking of the Ancona as an illegal and indefensible act; that the officer who perpetrated the deed be punished; and that reparation be made for the citizens of the United States who were killed or injured by the attack on the vessel."

"The government of the United States expects that the Austro-Hungarian government, appreciating the gravity of the case, will accede to its demands promptly; and it rests this expectation on the belief that the Austro-Hungarian government will not sanction or defend an act which is condemned by the world as inhuman and barbarous, which is abhorrent to all civilized nations, and which has caused the death of innocent American citizens."

"LANSING."

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Rome, Dec. 13.—Full financial powers have been voted to the government for the next six months by a vote of over 400 to 50.

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Plain and Fancy Handkerchiefs

A new shipment of Ladies' Handkerchiefs just opened up reveals many special attractions for Christmas Gift seekers.

Linen and Initial Handkerchiefs, each25c
Linen and Initial Handkerchiefs, in boxes—containing three, at per box50c
Containing six, at per box\$1.00
Fancy Handkerchiefs, 3 in box, for50c
Plain Linen Handkerchiefs and Hemstitched, each10c
Children's Handkerchiefs, 3 in box, all prices up from25c
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Trefousse Dorothy Suede Gloves, in grey, tan, brown and black, at, pair.....\$1.50
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ADVERTISE IN THE TIMES

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, December 13, 1890.

J. A. Mara, M. P. who has been staying a few days with his brother-in-law, Mr. Frank Barnard, M. P., has returned to Kamloops.

Capt. J. W. Troup, superintendent water lines, Union Pacific, and W. R. Mackenzie, traveling auditor of the company, paid Victoria a flying visit last night, and returned this morning.

The Yellow Rock light, Denman Island, has been successfully installed, and will commence operations on January 1. It was lit for the first time yesterday to enable the Sir James Douglas to leave Yellow Rock with the marine agent, Capt. H. G. Lewis.

The fast yacht White Wing, formerly owned at Tacoma, has been released from customs, the duty having been paid. The vessel will be used in the island trade.

Some 50 acres of the waterfront at Fowl Bay was sold yesterday for \$40,000. It will be subdivided into lots for residential purposes.

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BRIEF NEWS OF THE CITY

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Free Lecture on the Ford Car—At Wood Motor Garage, 1015 Rockland avenue, on December 15, commencing at 8 p.m., a lecture will be given for the benefit of Ford owners, their friends and prospective purchasers.

The Wood Motor Company, Ltd., have engaged a Ford man who is thoroughly conversant with the Ford car, and he will deal with such items as carburetor and ignition system. The Ford engine, general maintenance, road troubles, manner of locating and method of repairing, etc.

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Business Meeting.—Victoria Review

No. 1, Women's Benefit Association of the Macabees, will hold their business meeting to-morrow evening in the Knights of Columbus hall, Fort street, at 8 p.m. A good attendance is requested.

Passed First Aid Test.—The following

additional members of Dr. Raynor's First Aid class have passed the examination recently conducted by Dr. C. Denton Holmes: Harold K. Jones, Fraser Murray and Edward Rodgers.

Esquimalt Chapter, I.O.E.—Members

of the Esquimalt Chapter, I.O.E., will be in charge to-morrow at the United Service club rooms, 732 Fort street. A special meeting has been called for 3 p.m. on that day. All members are requested to be present.

Special Service at Strangers' Rest.—A

series of special services have been arranged for this week at the Strangers' Rest, Government street. To-night Rev. S. J. Thompson will be in charge. Tuesday night Rev. Dr. Cameron will deliver an address. Wednesday night, Rev. W. Stevenson, is to speak. Thursday night Rev. T. W. Gladstone and J. Stapleford will be in attendance, and on Friday Rev. Dr. Scott. At all the services there will be special music. Everyone is invited to attend.

Weekly Whist Drive.—The Ivy Leaf

Social club members held another of their weekly whist drives in the K. of P. hall, when a large company was present. Mrs. Longley presented the prizes to the following: First lady, Mrs. Burman; second lady, Mrs. H. Bates; third lady, Mrs. O'Connor. First gentleman, J. H. Mansell; second gentleman, F. James; third gentleman, R. Holt. On Dec. 23, the proceeds of the drive will be given to the Red Cross society. The usual charges will be made and good prizes donated as usual.

"From Victoria to the Trenches."

This evening at 8.45 o'clock Messrs. Huxtable and Howell will deliver a lecture to Victoria lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., in the Odd Fellows hall, Douglas street, entitled "From Victoria to the Trenches" illustrated by lantern slides from photographs taken all along the route. From the character of the subject and the proved ability of the lecturers, a most profitable entertainment is expected. The members of other lodges with their lady friends are cordially invited to be present.

"Licensing Crime."—"Licensing

Crime" will be the subject of an address to be given by Dr. Ernest Hall this evening at the Hampshire Road Methodist church. An invitation is extended to any advocate of the continuation of the present licensing system to be present, and to take part in the discussion. Preceding the address the nominating committee will present its report and permanent officers of the Oak Bay District Prohibition association will be elected. The use of the Methodist church has been kindly granted for the occasion.

Memorial Services.—The services at

the Reformed Episcopal church yesterday morning were something in the nature of a memorial to the late Dr. John Reid, who for some time was associated with Bishop Cridge in the administration there. Rev. A. de B. Owen, in his sermon, made sympathetic reference to the passing of the venerable teacher, and spoke of the part which he had taken in building up the church. The service throughout was appropriate as a memorial to one whose ministrations had been appreciated by the congregation, and who had ever been loved and esteemed for his gentle spirit.

Eagles Entertain.—Members of Victoria

Aerie, No. 12, held a very successful social season on Wednesday evening last. During the early part of the evening A. S. Huxtable and R. G. Howell entertained the audience with an illustrated lecture on "Victoria to the Trenches." A hearty vote of thanks was extended to the gentlemen for their excellent entertainment. The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing. Music was provided by Rimes' orchestra. A buffet supper was served and the many home-made cakes, provided by the ladies, were enjoyed by all. Much credit is due the members of the social committee for their energetic efforts in preparing the programme.

For Blue Cross Hospital.—The Oak

Bay theatre will be the scene of an entertainment in aid of the Victoria Blue Cross hospital on Friday evening next. The hospital was established not long ago at Provins, France, and is doing excellent service for the horses wounded in the battlefield. There will be moving pictures at the afternoon performance, and in the evening in addition to these there will be the following programme: Dance, Miss Freda Bagshaw; song, "Somewhere in France," Miss E. Bass assisted by the Misses Smith, Bagshaw, Roberts, Masters, Sargison and McKick; tri-prodigious, John Burke; tri-prodigious, John Burke; tri-prodigious, John Burke.

West End W. C. T. U.—The West

End branch of the W. C. T. U. will hold a social meeting to-morrow afternoon in the parlors, Wesley church, Victoria West, commencing at 2.30 o'clock.

I. O. O. F.—Empty cigar boxes to be

used for the patriotic collection. Be thankfully received by W. next, December 15, if sent to Service club rooms.

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RETURNED SOLDIERS

WILL BE AT CONCERT

Big Patriotic Event To-night;

Campaign Total Passes

\$100,000

At the big patriotic concert to take place to-night in the old Victoria theatre, Douglas street, to aid the patriotic fund, all the upper boxes will be occupied by returned soldiers from the Connaught Home.

Subscriptions to the patriotic fund in the big campaign inaugurated a week or so ago have passed the hundred thousand mark, according to an estimate made on Saturday by A. C. Burdick, chairman of the main committee. He stated that the total, stood at an amount between \$105,000 and \$110,000. Some of the committees were still hard at work, although when the campaign was first begun they had expected to clear the entire work up within four or five days.

In the story in Saturday's Times it was stated that the department of marine and fisheries employees had contributed \$2,400. The amount should have been \$3,200.

Among the donations yesterday were some welcome additions to the subscriptions from employees. The employees engaged on the piers and resident engineers under J. S. MacLachlan, resident engineer, turned in a donation amounting to practically \$500 a year. An equal sum was subscribed by the employees of the public works department under Wm. Henderson, resident architect. A sum equal to \$500 a year was received from the engineer's department of the public works department.

The raffle for the huge grizzly bear skin donated by Mrs. David Woodcock of Cedar Hill, which is being conducted by R. M. Bryne, circulation manager of the Colonist, is going particularly well. The tickets are being sold at 50 cents each, and there is an unusually keen demand for them. The same excellent progress is reported of the sale of tickets for the handsome pony and trap donated by the children of R. S. Lennie, of Vancouver. Mrs. Godfrey Booth is conducting this raffle.

The committee in summing up the week's work expressed themselves as particularly pleased with the progress made. A great many committees that have been conducting canvasses remain to be heard from, and it is known that several of these will produce large amounts. It will, however, be well on toward the end of next week before any final estimate can be made with any degree of accuracy.

Below are the additional subscriptions received on Saturday: Subscriptions of \$100 to \$250—Short, Hill & Duncan, \$150; W. H. Wilkerson, \$120; Fletcher Bros., \$120. Subscriptions of \$50 to \$100—F. W. Nolt, \$60; Willis Piano Co., \$60; Gideon Hicks Piano Co., \$60; Hon. W. J. Bowser, \$100.

Subscriptions up to \$50—F. H. Griffiths, \$5; E. Pearson, \$25; F. C. Niven, \$10; Friend, \$10; Richardson & Stephenson, \$15; F. Field, \$12; Persian Art store, \$5; Mrs. A. Aaronson, \$50; Little & Taylor, \$15; A. Clayton, \$15; B. C. Construction Co., \$50; J. W. Crocker, \$5; Dalby & Lawson, \$10; A. D. F., \$5.

SAANICH ELECTION

Central Association Will Meet This Evening: Little Change in Personnel of Members Expected.

The attitude of the Central Saanich Ratepayers' association to the pending election in that municipality will doubtless be determined at the meeting of the association to-night at the Sayward building.

So far the district associations in two of the wards have received notification from their representatives of pending withdrawal. Ward IV. has chosen D. W. Jones, a local merchant, and Ward VII. has yet selected a candidate. In the ward where Councilor Adams will reconsider his decision not to offer himself for re-election. The reeve and the other five councilors are expected to stand for re-election. The case in ward two, where the election has always been keenest, is exceptional this year, because the sitting councillor is finishing out the term of a member who has retired. The general impression in the peninsula is that the council, which did its preliminary work in 1914, has given the results this year, but that there is so much yet to be done that the time is not ripe to change horses.

With regard to the school board, three members are retiring, two of them finishing out the terms of retired members. Mrs. Huxtable has already received nomination in Ward IV. and her colleague, G. E. Watson, already has settled down steadily to the board business. J. E. May, who is completing a term of two years, polled well in 1914, and represents one of the most important sections of the municipality. Therefore the prospect of a contest is extremely doubtful.

West End W. C. T. U.—The West End branch of the W. C. T. U. will hold a social meeting to-morrow afternoon in the parlors, Wesley church, Victoria West, commencing at 2.30 o'clock.

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3 lbs.	
Lard, Pure.	16c
Per pound	
Peanut Butter.	25c
Per pound	
Seeded Raisins, fancy stock.	10c
16-ounce packets	
Currants, Re-cleaned.	10c
Per lb., 12½¢ and	
Golden Star Tea.	98c
Per lb., 35¢, 3 lbs.	
Cocoa, Lowney's.	42c
1-lb. can	
Coffee, Brazilian Blend.	25c
Per pound	

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New Evaporated Peaches.	28c
25-lb. box \$1.25, or 5-lbs. for	
Blue Label or Heinz Catsup.	24c
Per bottle	
H. P. Sauce.	22c
Per bottle	
C. & B. Mixed or Chow Chow Pickles.	33c
Per bottle	
Potatoes, Finest B. C.	90c
100-lb. sacks	
Marmalade, Lipton's.	19c
Glass jars, each	
Marmalade, Pure Orange.	24c
2-lb. tins	
Almond Paste, ready for use.	48c
Per pound	
Ginger Snaps, fresh and crisp.	25c
3 pounds	
Roman Meal Health Bread.	10c
Per loaf	
Coffee Cakes.	10c
Each	
Reception White or Graham Bread.	5c
Per loaf	

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 12-5 a. m.—The barometer is abnormally low over the Pacific slope and rain has been general, while in California it was heavy with gales on the coast. Snow is falling in Cariboo and zero temperatures are reported in the prairie provinces.

Forecasts.
For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Tuesday.
Victoria and vicinity—Easterly and southerly winds, partly cloudy, with occasional rains.
Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, mostly cloudy with occasional rain.

Reports.
Victoria—Barometer, 29.66; temperature, maximum yesterday, 45; minimum, 42; wind, calm; rain, .01; weather, rain.
Vancouver—Barometer, 29.68; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 40; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, .25; weather, cloudy.
Kamloops—Barometer, 29.75; temperature, maximum yesterday, 39; minimum, 29; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, .04; weather, clear.
Barkerville—Barometer, 29.72; temperature, maximum yesterday, 33; minimum, 12; wind, calm; rain, .01; weather, snow.
Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.64; temperature, maximum yesterday, 42; minimum, 24; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, .2; weather, cloudy.
Tatoosh—Barometer, 29.68; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 42; wind, 13 miles S. W.; rain, 1.49; weather, cloudy.
Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 29.74; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 32; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, .01; weather, rain.

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When you reach home cold and fatigued, take a cupful of OXO. It can be prepared with For all weather OXO CUBE while you are taking off your wrap or overcoat, will provide warmth in a moment and remove the risk of a chill.

OXO CUBES are invaluable for those who have to be out in all weathers. They fortify against cold and fatigue and maintain strength.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

All personal items sent by mail for publication must be signed with the name and address of the sender.

P. C. Rawling, of Cowichan Bay, is at the Dominion.

Mrs. N. Brown, of Pavilion, B. C., is at the Dominion.

S. E. Weismiller, of Duncan, is stopping at the Dominion.

H. G. Fuller, of Hoolester, Sask., is a guest of the Dominion.

F. W. Stevens, of Port Alberni, is staying at the Dominion.

C. M. Haverstock, of Chilliwack, is staying at the Dominion.

Mrs. Francis F. Patt, Trutch street, will not receive to-morrow.

A. Cronin, of White Horse, is a guest of the Dominion hotel.

W. S. Snelson is registered from Calgary at the Hotel Strathcona.

A. E. Tucker, of Chicago, arrived at the Empress hotel yesterday.

Harry Tate, of Seattle, is a guest at the Empress hotel yesterday.

Francis Webster, of Arbroath, is staying at the Empress hotel.

H. H. Lemmon, of Vancouver, has arrived at the Hotel Strathcona.

F. Matheson, of Vancouver, is registered at the Hotel Strathcona.

B. J. Wilson, of Winnipeg, registered at the Empress hotel yesterday.

Mayor Planta, of Nanaimo, arrived at the Empress hotel yesterday.

Mrs. F. S. Mitchell, of Millstream, is registered at the Hotel Strathcona.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurity and family, of Nelson, are staying at the Dominion.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Schiller, Jr., of Seattle, are registered at the Empress hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. C. Belyea, of Edmonton, are guests at the Empress hotel.

W. J. Castley and F. Van Norman, of Duncan, are registered at the Dominion.

C. F. Davies and Mrs. Davies, of Chipman, Alta., are staying at the Dominion hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Campbell, of Rossland, registered at the Empress hotel yesterday.

W. T. Edwards, of Powell River, is visiting Victoria, and staying at the Dominion hotel.

J. M. Johnston and Miss Agnes Johnston, of Vancouver, are staying at the Hotel Strathcona.

W. Vaughan Jones, J. Jones and B. H. Sheppard are Cobble Hill visitors staying at the Hotel Strathcona.

J. H. Schlosser, of Kerrobert, Sask., registered for himself and Mrs. and Miss Schlosser at the Hotel Strathcona.

Archibald McLean, Mrs. McLean and Miss McLean are visitors from Minnedosa, Man., and are stopping at the Dominion hotel.

Miss Cochrane, of Oak Bay, left on Sunday afternoon for Los Angeles, California, and later will go to Phoenix, Arizona, to reside.

The wedding took place at Vancouver of Violet, eldest daughter of James William Speed, 2848 Prior street, and Bernie Marilek, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Marilek, of Chester, Ont., the Rev. E. Thomas, of the Wesleyan Methodist church, officiating.

Among other numerous presents the bride was presented with a beautiful carving set by the employees of Messrs. F. R. Stewart & Co., where she has been employed as stenographer for several years. A reception was held at the home of the bride's mother, the bride being attired in white tulle with overdress of nixon de sole, and trimmed all over with sequins, and dressed in lavender silk, and her sister-in-law, Mrs. O. Speed, dressed in blue tulle with overdress of shadow lace. The table was tastefully decorated with pink and white varnations and chrysanthemums.

Rev. Mr. Tralton officiated at the marriage which took place last Thursday at St. Mark's church, Bolekine road, when Sara Octavia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Bergman, 2326 Bridge street, and Ernest Lansdown, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Palmer, of Manchester road, were joined in wedlock. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a black velvet costume with grey fur trimmings, and a hat of white velvet with touches of the same.

Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Saturday:
Temperature.
Highest..... 45
Lowest..... 39
Average..... 42
Minimum on grass..... 37
Minimum on grass..... 35
Maximum in sun..... 57
Rain, .07 in.
Bright sunshine, 2 hrs. 12 min.
General state of weather, showery.
Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Sunday:
Temperature.
Highest..... 48
Lowest..... 44
Average..... 46
Minimum on grass..... 41
Minimum on grass..... 38
Rain, trace.
General state of weather, cloudy.

CANADIAN GIRL GUIDES CORPS.

No. 1 (Camoussin) company, Act. Capt. Miss M. Hunter, drill on Friday at the North Ward school, at 7 p. m.
No. 2 (Lady Douglas), Capt. Miss H. Leighton, drill on Friday at the John's school.

THE VALUE OF TRUTH

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Performances start 1.30, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30 and 9.30 o'clock

ing story that dominates this play and makes the beautiful of Rome but a background for Hall Caine's masterpiece.



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Cuff Links (with monogram), up from 50c to \$3.00

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Stone Set Scarf Pins, up from \$2.00

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Cigar Cutters up from 50c to \$5.00

Gold Pencils up from 50c to \$5.00

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fur. Her bouquet was of pink carnations and asparagus fern. Afterwards there was a reception at the bride's home, the drawing-room of which was prettily decorated with yellow chrysanthemums and ferns. Mr. and Mrs. Palmer are spending their honeymoon visiting Seattle, and on their return will live at Manchester road.

Family Physician—"I am afraid, Mrs. Gaybird, your husband cannot last much longer. The trouble with your husband, madam, is that he has overdrawn on his account at the bank of vitality." Mrs. Gaybird—"I felt sure he was deceiving me about something. Doctor, I give you my word I never knew he had any account there."

Without dignity of character it is impossible to rise in the world.—Chesterfield.

SUPERFLUITIES SALE

Two Auctions This Week: Furniture and Silverware Wednesday; Jewelry on Friday.

The Red Cross society has benefited by \$2,000 from the superfluties sales held under the direction of Henry Pearce. This amount was given by him to the Red Cross on Saturday. The amount represented the money from the auction sales and from articles sold in the superfluties stores, Belmont block.

Two sales have been arranged for this week. The first will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock, and the second on Friday afternoon. On Wednesday the principal articles offered for sale will be paintings by Gains, walnut and oak furniture, books, silverware, ornaments and Victoria-made wooden toys.

The Friday afternoon sale will be practically all jewelry and articles suitable for Christmas presents. The articles can be seen at the Belmont block.

Henry Pearce recently made a strong appeal for more superfluties and the response has been very good, a large number of articles being sent to the rooms. Where the donors cannot send the things they will be called for if the address is telephoned to the superfluties management committee.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Retail Merchants Association Offering Special Inducements to Keep Island Trade Here.

The Retail Merchants' association is making a strong bid to get a lot of business from shoppers outside Victoria during the Christmas season. There is a Christmas special offer of the cost of transportation from the town in which buyers come if a certain amount of money is spent at any store. A buyer from Cowichan spending \$25 will get a discount equal to the cost of the return fare. The same concession will be made to those from Nanaimo if a certain sum is spent here. A list of the discounts is to be announced later.

The local trade has made special arrangements for Christmas shopping, and storekeepers believe that by offering inducements many buyers will come to Victoria instead of shopping on the mainland. It is an endeavor to gain patronage for home industry, and to meet it there will be offered a wide range in all high-class Christmas articles and furnishings.

Mrs. Newrich was not exactly a lady by birth, but she always strove to hide the fact from her neighbors in the sequestered suburban street. She owned a dog which at times, like most dogs, got playful and ran wild in the garden. One morning it was exceptionally unruly. "William—William," she called sweetly from the dining-room window, "come he—ah—come he—ah!" Then she saw her neighbors go out for a walk, and heaved a sigh of relief. "Bill—Bill," she hollered, "come 'ere, you brute!"

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Dainty New Waists

Moderately Priced

The undernoted styles we have just received, along with many others equally dainty. To the Christmas shopper the Waist Department will prove helpful in solving the gift problem, being at the present time replete with acceptable gifts. The following are a few examples:

A beautiful model is of fine quality crepe de chine, made with convertible collar and trimmed cuff, with black silk bow. Colors are lemon, French blue, navy and purple. Price \$5.00.

This fashionable model is of crepe de chine and features a front with the new smocking stitch. The collar is in convertible style, and the sleeves are set in. All seams are hemstitched. Colors are black, white, purple, navy and gold. Price \$5.75.

Interesting Values in Ribbons

Taffeta Ribbon, 4 to 6 ins. wide, shown in black, ivory and a complete color range; 15¢ yard.

Duchess Satin Ribbon, in black, ivory and colors; 25¢ yard.

Novelty Dresden Ribbons, 4 and 4½ ins. wide, shown in a large variety of floral effects; light and dark shades. Special, 25¢ yard.

There is an exceptionally large range of novelty Dresden Ribbons in the popular inch-width, priced at 35¢ yard.

Exceptionally Low Prices in Black Silks Tuesday

There could be nothing more acceptable or useful as a Christmas gift than a length of Black Silk.

The prices quoted below are much less than usual. Take advantage of them. 500 yards Black Messaline Silk, 36 ins. wide, in a highly finished quality. Reg. \$1.50 and \$1.75; 95¢ yard.

500 yards Bonnet's Mouseline in black; full 36 ins. wide. Reg. \$2.00, for \$1.20 yard.

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ANNOUNCEMENT TO JEWELLERY BUYERS

For the week beginning December 13 the store of the J. M. Whitney Co. will be open in the morning from the hours of 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for Private Sale at Auction Prices; in fact, no reasonable offer will be refused. This is done so as those who are not able to attend the Auction, afternoon and evening, can do their purchasing in the morning.

The Auction Sale will still be conducted at the same hours, twice daily—2.30 to 5.00 p.m., and 7.30 to 10 p.m.

Each person purchasing by Auction or Private Sale will secure a ticket with each purchase, which will entitle them to participate in a drawing to take place at the end of the sale, when ten (10) prizes will be given away free, the first consisting of a Silver Tea Service.

The following is a list of some of the articles to be sold:

Sterling Silver Cabinet
Solid Gold Cigarette Cases
Solid Gold Cigar Cases
Solid Gold Card Case, Ladies
Platinum and Diamond-Set
Wrist Watch
Platinum and Diamond-Set
Brooches
Solid Gold Necklaces
Grandfather Clocks, Chimes
Solid Gold Mesh Bags
Marble Mantel Clocks
Diamond-Set Ladies' Watches
Men's Solid Gold Watches
Ladies' and Men's Solid Gold
Chains

Solid Gold Brooches
Solid Gold Bracelets
Sterling Silver Tea Sets
Sterling Silver Waiter
Cut Glass Punch Bowl and Set
Cut Glass Lamps
Nappies, Water Sets, Bowls
Olive Dishes, Vases
Candlesticks, Tumblers
Cream and Sugars,
Fern Dishes, Butter Dishes
Powder Boxes, Jewel Cases
Whisky Decanters, Knife Rests
(All in cut glass)
Gents' Dressing Cases

Toilet Sets in Cases, Sterling
Silver
Sterling Silver articles in endless
variety
Silver-Plated Hollowware and
Flatware
Gold-Filled Goods in endless variety
Umbrellas, Mesh Bags, Purses,
in Sterling Silver, Gun-Metal
and Silver-Plated
Sterling Silver Pepper and Salts
Ebony Brushes
Opera Glasses
Photo Frames
Walking Canes, gold tops

Everything is on view and can be readily seen. Come in and look around before making purchases.

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COLUMBIA THEATRE.

"The Turn of the Road," the five-part Vitaphone Blue Ribbon feature, which is the special attraction at the Columbia this half of the week is a production filled with tense interest and thrilling situations. John King did not think. He plunged headlong into the yawning abyss of discontent via the subterfuge road. He deceived his wife. He tried to abandon her. His child lay on the point of death—yet he did not stop. He took the step that would lead to destruction—despair—defeat. John King knew he was wrong—his conscience told him so. The entreatings of his sick child bade him stay, but he did not. He was in the clutches of a vampire.

But righteousness finally, by a trick of fate, overcame wrongdoing. A plunge down a precipice in an unmanageable motor car disabled him and nearly snuffs out the life of his clandestine friend. He is running away from his wife and child, deserting them, when the accident happens. Again fate intervenes, and he and his companion, both horribly injured, are brought back to his own home. For days her life hangs in the balance, hangs by the thinnest thread. She is on the road to recovery when the accidental overturning of an alcohol stove sets fire to the house.

Whom does King rescue? What does he do?

ROYAL VICTORIA.

At the Royal Victoria theatre this afternoon for the first time, "Pro Patria," a truly great feature production and one destined to be placed on the same plane with "Les Misérables," was shown. Featured in the lead is Henri Kraus, who achieved international

fame by his portrayal of "Jean Valjean" in "Les Misérables." Paul Capellani, the famous star, plays the part of "Karioo," which gives him a chance to show his remarkable ability. This is a picture of the play, "Patrie," written by Victorien Sardou, the famous French dramatist. The author was noted for being a master of stage effects, and the film follows closely the stage production. It was staged in Louvain, Belgium, that beautiful city which has since been ruined beyond redemption by German shells. The costumes, arms, customs, and properties are absolutely accurate, and the whole production is most lavish. The acting is great, and the entire six reels grip from start to finish. Almost a thousand actors and actresses take part in this mammoth production. On the same programme is a News Weekly, and a good comedy which makes in all a programme that should give more than satisfaction.

PANTAGES THEATRE.

Another notable musical act, "Colonial Days," is the title of this headline turn at Pantages this week, and it comes heralded as "vaudeville's most elaborate musical offering," and one of "most pretentious productions of its kind now before the public." There are ten talented musicians in the company, five men and five women, all chosen for their versatility on two or more instruments. Rich costumes of colonial days are worn, and special scenic effects are carried. Among the supporting acts will be a mystery turn styled "Creo, or the 20th Century Enigma." In this act Richard Holke, a clever artist, appears to create a charming young woman out of a rag, a bone and a hank of hair. A blackface sketch, entitled, "The Stranded Minstrel," that is de-

cidedly superior to the usual run, will be one of the added attractions presented by S. H. Dudley. He is supported by a small but versatile company, which includes a trained mule. The animal adds much to the mirth of the skit. Dancing Davey, a wooden and soft shoe dancer, who claims to be master of practically every step known, will offer a pleasing terpsichorean number, and incidentally allow the audience to name any dance they would like to see him execute. Les Arados, two men who style themselves "Pantomimical Comiques," will give a contortionist and acrobatic turn that is said to be one of the best in that line sent over the circuit. New motion pictures on the Pantascopes will round out the bill.

DOMINION THEATRE.

At the Dominion theatre all this week will be shown that great spectacular photoplay, "The Eternal City," from Hall Caine.

On the ashes of the fallen empires of Tyre and ancient Sidon there sprang the powers and domes of the new empire, the city founded to bear life eternal, Rome.

Out of its triumph and its failure comes to us the story Hall Caine has called "The Eternal City," and which, woven into a spectacular picture, by the Famous Players Film company, is being presented with Miss Pauline Frederick in the title role.

No city in the world holds so much in its embrace as does Rome. No city has reached its power and dominion, and no city has its history. All this glamor, all this power have been preserved in this picture of the Eternal City. The curtain goes up on the city of Rome banked against a night sky, its lights reflected in the water shimmering at its feet, and throughout the entire play the background of actual Italy is carefully thought of. The story is the development of human characters strangely acted upon by fate. There seems to have been a mould prepared for each character, a certain amount of suffering and anguish predestined for each.

The Coliseum lying in ruins is made a centre of one of the most stirring scenes where a mob of hundreds of people flee through its openings. The papal scenes are beautifully dignified and highly impressive.

Miss Frederick as Roma, swayed by fate and ruled by power other than hers, is splendidly convincing. The idea that Rome either makes or breaks her people is plainly set forth in the action of the scenes, and predestination is so clearly manifested that one has the feeling of peeping behind the scenes of life to know what is coming next.

There is one thing that is never lost sight of, the fact that the characters are living, breathing men and women, moved and actuated by a fate they know not of, and fighting for they know not what. It was ever thus with the world. All are fighting, although they know it not. Just fighting for existence, and what comes of it?

That is the object of the Eternal City, that is why it is eternal, because it had this idea long ago, and that is what the picture shows foremost. One turns through the gamut of emotions and realizes how little it takes to influence a nation.

As a picture of high standing, of great artistic value because of its representation of the life and doings of the characters, of careful deliberation of scenic detail which seems to mean so little and which after all means everything, of gorgeous backgrounds and real life in a foreign country, the presentation of "The Eternal City" justifies its name and the name and reputation of the Famous Players. It is a beautiful piece of work, carefully and accurately performed and presenting a phase of life of ultimate value in the history of the world.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME

Ladies' Musical Club to Give Seasonable Concert at Empress Ballroom on Thursday.

Since the Ladies' Musical club was organized some years ago their Christmas programmes have ranked as among the most attractive of those presented by them during their various seasons. On Thursday evening, at 8.30, in the Empress ballroom, they will again present a programme appropriate to the approaching season, and the various numbers promise one of the most pleasing concerts of the year.

One of the outstanding features will be the debut of the Ladies' Musical Club choral, under the direction of Mrs. Davenport. This choral is composed of between thirty and forty voices, and has been rehearsing for several weeks past in preparation for the concert on Thursday evening. Among the items which will be rendered by them will be the Women's National Anthem, "God Bless Our Men." This war-time supplication, sung to the air of the National Anthem, made its appearance first at a big patriotic concert in London, England, and was received with great enthusiasm as being a very real expression of a great part of the people.

The concert will open with the club motto, which has been used at the beginning of the two previous concerts this season. The Empress Hotel orchestra has very kindly undertaken to give a Beethoven selection, and those who know Mr. Turner's genius as a conductor and violinist will appreciate the treat which is in store for the audience.

The soloists will be D. C. Hughes, the Welsh lyric tenor, who is reappearing for the first time after his long retirement on account of illness; and

Miss Margaret McCraney, a young violinist from Vancouver, who will play two numbers. The programme on this occasion has been arranged by Mrs. Nash, president of the Ladies' Musical club, and it is hoped that members and the public alike will support the undertaking well. Soldiers

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MOOSE WHIST PARTY.

The Moose whist party held at the Knights of Pythias hall last week was a decided success, and despite most unfavorable weather conditions a large number attended, including about forty boys from the ambulance corps.

The success of the evening was largely due to the determination of the ladies to make the evening a particularly enjoyable one.

Refreshments were served and prizes distributed.

The prizes were awarded to: Special—Mrs. Byers and Pie Swindell; highest scores—Mrs. Roe and Mr. Chater; second highest scores—Miss Beattie Vernon and E. E. Rice; consolation prizes to Mrs. R. W. Knowles and Mr. W. Farnthorpe.

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how can you prove it?" "Well, sah, did you eber read in de Bible how de seben debbels were cast outter Mary Magdalene?" "Oh, yes, I've heard of that." "Did you eber hear of 'em being cast outter any other woman, sah?" "No, I never did." "Well, den, de udders still got 'em yet."

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CANADIAN OARSMAN MAY GET A SEAT IN BOAT

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—Joe Houghton, one of the best known oarsmen in this city, will leave in the spring for California, where he is to take a course in the Leland Stanford university.

Houghton recently received a letter from Sam Wright, who coached the Britannia intermediate four, which won the Canadian championship at St. Catharines in 1913.

In his letter Wright states that he is going down to California himself in the spring to assist with the coaching of the crews of the Leland Stanford university. He always held a high opinion of Houghton's ability as an oarsman and stated that if the former Britannia stroke goes down there he will have a splendid chance of getting a seat in the eight.

After winning his intermediate honors, Houghton took up sculling with Raney Harvey this year and rowed tandem in the Canadian Henley. While they failed to win their race, they made a good showing against some of the best oarsmen in Canada.

N. W. LEAGUE MEETING TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY

Seattle, Dec. 12.—The annual meeting of the Northwestern Baseball league will be held at the Butler hotel next Wednesday. The schedule calls for the confab to commence at 11 o'clock in the morning, and there is no time limit, which is characteristic of all meetings relating to the national game.

Outside of the election of a president the principal subject will be that of the circuit. President Blewett said last evening that from correspondence that had come to his office he expected that Montana cities would be represented at the meeting.

In Butte there has been considerable talk about putting a team in the Northwestern circuit, and Missoula is also showing interest. Helena was first supposed to be coupled with Butte as the leading Montana candidates, but Missoula may supplant her.

Aberdeen is still interested in baseball and reports from there indicate they want to try it again.

NEW YORKER WON.

New York, Dec. 12.—The junior national cross-country championship of the Amateur Athletic Union, over the Van Cortlandt park course Saturday, was won by Gaston Strebino, of the New York Athletic club, who finished third in the Stockholm Olympic Marathon. His time for the six miles was 32 minutes 37 seconds. The New York Athletic club captured the team prize with 33 points.

CAN PLAY FOR EXPENSES.

New Orleans, Dec. 12.—Students of colleges in the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic association will be permitted to play "summer" baseball for expenses only and on teams not recognized by the American Sports Guide, under a rule adopted at the association's convention here today.

GONZAGA SIGN COACH.

Spokane, Dec. 12.—John F. McGough, formerly a Colgate football star, has been engaged by the Gonzaga university as athletic coach. He will have charge of the football, basketball and baseball teams, in addition to the gymnasium, beginning with the next school year.

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SPORTING NEWS

JACKSONS WIN SENIOR CITY LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP BY NARROW MARGIN

Quarryworkers Have Two Point Lead Over Thistles; Western Scots Defeated in Hard-Fought Game

By a two-point margin the Sir John Jackson football eleven emerged winners of the Senior City Soccer league. On Saturday the league schedule was brought to a close, the Thistles adding two points to their total by defeating the Western Scots, while the Jacksons gained an easy two points, as the Fusiliers, who they were scheduled to play, were unable to field a team and scratched.

Although the Jacksons and Thistles had a comfortable lead over the other clubs their advantage on the field was very slight. The league schedule that has just been brought to a close was one of the most evenly contested in the history of local soccer, most of the games being decided by a one-goal margin.

Saturday's Results.

Senior—Thistles 3, Western Scots 1. Jacksons won by default from Fusiliers.

Junior Standard—Y.M.C.A. 1, Esquimalt High school 0. James Bay 3, Congregational 1.

Exhibition—North Ward 5, Navy 5.

Senior League Standings.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Jacksons	9	8	1	0	16
Thistles	9	6	1	2	14
Western Scots	9	4	4	1	9
Westies	9	3	4	2	8
Fusiliers	9	0	7	2	2

Junior Standard League.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
James Bay	1	1	0	0	2
Y.M.C.A.	1	1	0	0	2
Esquimalt H. S.	2	0	1	1	1
Congos	2	0	1	1	1

Misfortune has been the enemy of the Western Scots football team all this season. On Saturday luck broke against them, and they were forced to acknowledge a 2-to-1 defeat at the hands of the Thistles, when the worst they should have suffered was a draw. On the day's play they were the better team, and although they were slightly outplayed in the first half, they certainly more than held their own in the final period, but could not break into the scoring column, although they aimed a fusillade of hard shots at the Thistle nets. Leeming, however, was at his best and easily averted a score.

In the first half the Thistles gained their advantage, scoring twice, while it was not until well on in the second period that the soldiers succeeded in breaking into the scoring column. Shearman at centre took a nice pass from George Allen, and headed the ball past Leeming. Toward the final

stages of the game the exchanges were much in favor of the soldiers.

This being the only senior league fixture played, and as well the wind-up of the City league, a large crowd witnessed the game.

For the winners, Leeming Taylor and Frankish starred, while Ord, Pump and Shearman were the pick of the soldiers.

The teams lined up as follows: Western Scots—Holmes; Christian and Ord; Fenton, McDiarmid and Okell; Pump, Dakers, Shearman, Allen and Patterson.

Thistles—Leeming; Brown and Taylor; Peacock, Adams and Muir; Munro, Hayward, Fillmore, Lean and Frankish.

Referee, Goward.

The game played at the North Ward park between the Navy and North Ward resulted in a draw, 5-5. Every minute of the game was full of activity, first one team and then another obtaining the lead. The score is a fair idea of the play. In the first half the sailors had the better of the play, scoring three goals, while the Thistles succeeded in scoring but once.

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Livingstone scored two goals, Lally one, Johnny Cummins one and Williams one for the Wards. Davis scored once, Lifton twice and Green twice for the Navy.

Junior Standard League.

Displaying better combination and shooting ability, the James Bay team defeated the crippled Congos on Saturday by the score of 3 to 1.

In the first half the Congos had the better of the play when they scored their lone goal, Cille taking a pass from the wing and beating the Bay goal-keeper with a hard shot. This was the only goal in the first half.

Play after the interval greatly favored the Bays. Only a few minutes after the commencement of play Chumgranes scored, equalizing the count, while a few moments later the same player again scored, and Alec Moffatt completed the day's scoring. Y. M. C. A. gained a narrow victory over the Esquimalt High school in the second Standard league fixture, the final score being 1 to 0.

Arthur Dowell scored the only goal of the game, J. M. Patterson, president of the Esquimalt High school, acted as referee.

LITTLE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN THE TEAMS

Victoria Hockeyists Will Meet Vancouver To-morrow; Seattle v. Portland

It will be a hard task to pick the winners of to-morrow night's hockey games. Seattle and Portland will battle on the former's ice, while at the same hour Victoria will play against Vancouver for cellar honors at Vancouver.

To-day the local team went through a strenuous workout, and Manager Patrick expressed his opinion that the team would be starting out championshipward to-morrow. As yet Manager Patrick has not decided upon his line-up to oppose Vancouver, but it is probable that a change or two will be made. Victoria is a team composed of youngsters, and the players have not yet become familiar with each other's play, from now on they will continue to show improvement, and should be well up in the race before the New Year. Vancouver have not yet hit their real stride. Last season the Millionaires possessed a splendid scoring combination, and with the exception of Mallen and Nighbor the lineup is practically the same.

Here the locals are top-heavy favorites over the Millionaires, while in Vancouver they anticipate an overwhelming defeat of the Aristocrats.

With the league leadership at stake Portland will visit Seattle to-morrow to battle the Millionaires on their home ice. To date the Mets have proved themselves the better scoring combination, but the Rosebuds appear to have it on them in defence. It is an even money bet on the outcome.

Ticket Sale Opens To-morrow.

The ticket sale for Friday night's game here between the locals and Vancouver will go on sale to-morrow morning at the Fit-Rite clothing store. Despite the double defeat the Aristocrats suffered at the hands of Seattle the local public have faith in the team, and a bumper house is anticipated.

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OLD COUNTRY FOOTBALL

London, Dec. 12.—The following are the results of the English football games played Saturday, on the grounds of the first-named clubs:

Midland Section.
Bradford City, 1; Sheffield United, 2.
Derby County, 3; Hull City, 1.
Grimsby Town, 4; Barnsley, 1.
Huddersfield Town, 3; Leicester Fosse, 1.

Lincoln City, 2; Bradford, 1.
Notts County, 3; Notts Forest, 0.
Sheffield Wednesday, 0; Leeds City, 0.
Lancashire Section.

Burnley, 4; Preston North End, 2.
Bolton Wanderers, 1; Bury, 2.
Everton, 2; Manchester United, 0.
Manchester City, 2; Liverpool, 0.
Southport, 2; Rochdale, 2.
Stoke, 0; Stockport County, 2.

London Combination.
Crystal Palace, 4; Tottenham Hotspur, 2.
Queen's Park Rangers, 1; Westham United, 1.

Fulham, 4; Brentford, 3.
Clayton Orient, 4; The Arsenal, 2.
Watford, 3; Croydon Common, 0.
Millwall Athletic, 1; Chelsea, 0.

Scottish League.

Glasgow, Dec. 12.—The following are the results of the Scottish league football games played Saturday on the grounds of the first-named clubs:
Ayr United, 0; Celtic, 4.
Rangers, 4; St. Mirren, 0.
Morton, 2; Kilmarnock, 0.
Dumbarton, 2; Partick Thistles, 0.
Clyde, 1; Hamilton Academicals, 2.
Queen's Park, 2; Falkirk, 1.
Motherwell, 3; Dundee, 0.
Raith Rovers, 1; Heart of Midlothian, 2.
Aberdeen, 2; Airdrieonians, 1.
Hibernians, 0; Third Lanark, 1.

HILL AND GRENADA WIN SIX-DAY BIKE RACE

New York, Dec. 12.—Fred Hill, of Boston, and Alfred Grenada, of Australia, the American-Australian team, won the twenty-third annual six-day bicycle race, which closed late Saturday night in Madison Square Garden.

The final score was 2,770 miles 8 laps, which bettered by 11 miles and 6 laps the best previous mark which was set by Goulet and Grenada in New York in 1914.

McNamara and Spears finished second, while Magin and Lawrence were tied with Thomas and Ryan for third place. The other teams finished in the following order: Egg and Dupp, fifth; Eaton and Madden, sixth; Wattour and Moran, seventh; Hanley and Halstead, eighth; Drobach and Corey, ninth; Sere and Linart, tenth, and Mitten and Hansen, eleventh.

GIANT CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT PLANNED

Promoters Will Endeavor to Get Carpenter Leave of Absence to Meet Willard

New York, Dec. 12.—Tom Jones and Jack Curley, two well-known fight managers, will make an effort to get leave of absence from the French government for Georges Carpenter, the European heavyweight champion, now an aviator in the French army. The object of their plan is to match the French title-holder with Jess Willard.

Baron Mihanovich says that the syndicate he represents is willing to spend \$125,000 or more in purses for the battle between the two heavyweights. It is planned to stage the bout in Buenos Ayres, South America, where at the same time a gigantic tournament will be put on. The baron declares that all the transportation companies have assured the promoters of good tournament excursion rates from all parts of the world. This big promotion is a business proposition to advertise South America's resources.

The promoters will endeavor to stage the following events:

Heavyweight—George Carpenter vs. Jess Willard.
Middleweight—Mike Gibbons vs. Les Darcy.
Lightweight—Freddie Welsh vs. Charlie White.
Featherweight—Johnny Kilbane vs. George Charley.
Bantamweight—Kid Williams vs. Johnny Ertle.

In addition to these championship events the promoters plan to stage a number of preliminary events. The tournament will last for one week.

MANY CLUBS BIDDING FOR BAKER'S SERVICES

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Trades involving well-known ball players and possible disposition of the problem of the Cleveland club will be features of the American league's annual meeting here next Wednesday, it is predicted.

The programme for the meeting contains nothing but routine business, according to a league official, but the trades suggested, and settlement of Charles W. Somers' affairs so far as they affect the Cleveland team and the league generally, remain to offer interest.

Rivals for the services of Frank Baker, now under contract to the Philadelphia club, will furnish the main excitement in the trading line. President Comiskey is openly after Baker; the New York Americans, it is said, still hope to get him. Reports from St. Louis indicate that the Browns will be among the bidders.

President Johnson was quoted as saying the league would not in any way interfere with the disposal of Baker. Election of a vice-president to succeed Mr. Somers is on the programme. There is not much sentiment in favor of a change in the opening or closing dates of the season, according to a statement made at President Johnson's office.

CIVILIANS VS. UNITED FORCES.

Arrangements have been completed for an exhibition soccer match next Saturday between the Civilians and a team composed of the United Forces. This announcement has been given out by President Manson, of the Victoria Football association. The civilian team will be selected at Tuesday night's meeting of the V.F.A. It is probable that the game will be played at the Royal Athletic park.

TALK OF PEACE.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 12.—Charles H. Weeghman, president of the Federal Baseball league, intimated that peace would be discussed by the baseball magnates preceding the meeting of the National league representatives in New York. Baseball circles hereabouts are speculating on the possibility of Federal league interests purchasing three of the National franchises.

HOUSE LEAGUE BASKETBALL.

The House league matches played Saturday night in the Y.M.C.A. were rather one-sided affairs. The Canucks gained a decisive victory over the Business Men, the final score being 44 to 11. The second game between the Neversweats and the Hummers resulted in a 26-to-12 victory for the former.

FORMER CHAMPS. WIN.

Long Beach, Dec. 12.—Maurice McLoughlin, of San Francisco, and Thomas C. Bundy, of Los Angeles, former national men's tennis doubles champions, defeated Clifton Herd, of Pasadena, and Simpson Sinsabaugh, of Los Angeles, 6-2, 7-5 yesterday.

ATHLETICS NET \$11,997.

Madison, Wis., Dec. 12.—A profit of \$11,997 was netted as the result of athletics this year at the University of Wisconsin. The net profit on football alone was \$18,770.

WOLTER TO COACH STANFORD.

San Jose, Cal., Dec. 12.—Harry Wolter, outfielder of the Los Angeles team of the Pacific Coast league, has signed a contract to coach the baseball squad of Stanford university.

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Rangers, 4; St. Mirren, 0.
Morton, 2; Kilmarnock, 0.
Dumbarton, 2; Partick Thistle, 0.
Clyde, 1; Hamilton Academicals, 1.
Queen's Park, 2; Falkirk, 1.
Motherwell, 3; Dundee, 0.
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Aberdeen, 2; Airdrieonians, 1.
Hibernians, 0; Third Lanark, 1.

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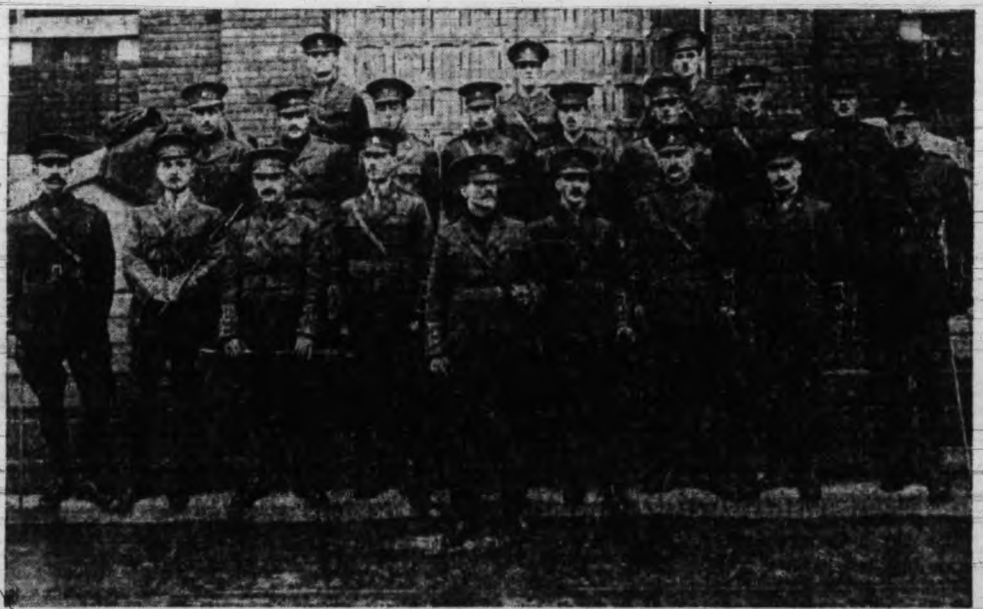
The 103rd Battalion, C. E. F., Lt.-Col. Henniker, O. C., is now settled comfortably in its new quarters at the new Drill hall. In view of the heavy enlistment last week the change was made possible none too soon, as the strength was added to between Monday morning and Saturday night to the number of 175. This is a splendid augury of what this overseas unit is to do in the way of recruiting, and seems to indicate that within a month at the most the battalion will be at full strength. Two officers, Lieuts. Skelton and McLagan, left last Wednesday for a trip up the island, and it is hoped that when they return to-morrow or the following day they will have a satisfactory report to submit as to the number of men who are likely to join the unit as the result of their recruiting campaign in that part of the country. Twenty men came down last week from Vancouver, where Corporal Lamb is stationed at the central recruiting spot, ready to take the names of would-be recruits. On Saturday twenty-three men stood to the credit of the recruiting officers.

The fact that the unit is to winter in the new Drill hall will no doubt add to the popularity of this already popular regiment, and in a few cases at least there is no doubt that the prospect of training under such pleasing conditions will help enlistment. On the other hand, those who are anxious to serve under any conditions are glad that they are quartered in such comfortable barracks, dry, artificially heated, and fitted with every manner of convenience.

The mayor and council have very kindly granted permission to Colonel Henniker to use the North Ward park as a drill ground, and if the officer in command is also successful, as he hopes to be, in securing the privilege of using the Victoria baseball grounds for the same purpose, the battalion will be very conveniently placed for general exercises. Manoeuvres on an extended scale will be carried on further afield.

The Drill hall was not designed by the architect, Lt.-Col. Ridgway-Wilson, as a permanent garrison, and in

Officers of the 103rd Battalion, C.E.F., at New Drill Hall



The officers are as follows, reading from left to right: Back row—Lt. Ashcroft, Lt. Dexton, Lt. Butler. Second row—Lt. Bransford, Lt. H. M. Ross, Lt. W. E. Edkins, Lt. Ramsay, Lt. Faulkner, Lt. C. N. Milligan, Lt. W. M. Ross, Lt. Cunningham. First row—Lt. Simmonds, Lt. Dunsford, Capt. Halsall, Major K. B. Spurgin, Lt.-Col. E. C. J. L. Henniker, O. C.; Capt. N. A. Foster, Capt. Pemberton, Lt. A. H. Lawder, and Lt. F. P. Barton.

order to make it suitable for housing so many troops a number of additions have had to be made since the Army was handed over to the military authorities. One of the principal changes was the fitting of a heating apparatus, and in installing of a big kitchen, where meals could be prepared for a battalion at full strength. The kitchen is a converted gun-shed, a one end of the ground floor which has been handed over to the 103rd for their special use. A chalk-line divided the floor into bedroom and dining-room. At present there are over three hundred men, the complete strength of the unit in barracks, and this number is increasing each day as new men enlist.

The officers' mess-rooms, which were finished with an idea of comfort as well as of beauty, are spacious and cosy, fitted with fire-places and well lighted.

The basement is fitted with shooting galleries, swimming pool, etc., and there is no doubt that in time the men will become highly efficient both in

aquatic sports and in rifle shooting with the encouragement which will be given both of these in competition at the new armory.

There are besides the overseas battalion the 56th Gordon Highlanders, Lt.-Col. Forsyth, O.C.; and the base company of the 1st Canadian Pioneer, under Lieut. Verrall.

The recruiting officers are kept busy for the 103rd, and this morning eleven men were signed on. Among the recent enlistments was Pte. Charles Fletcher, a returned soldier, who went with the 56th Gordon Highlanders who left Victoria in August, 1914, and returned on November 5. He has just rejoined the 103rd, anxious to be back at the front.

A. E. Howard, D. S. Cameron, P. Coleman, W. Shann, S. W. Carley, R. Erickson, H. C. Johnstone, H. A. Mansell, W. Bayliss, B. Babu, E. Carley, J. Martin, P. G. Berberick, J. Strutt, E. Perry, M. A. Edwards, W. J. Rumbold, P. J. Burley, P. Kelly, M. Martinson, W. F. Bailey, V. Gallon, W. Hutchins, H. Banks, R. H. Daft, W. Nicholson, S. Rutherford, W. M. Baker, R. J. McCluskey, H. Wilkinson, L. Galtier, F. Bonell, P. Caine, J. M. Turner, H. G. Brown, T. Duncan, H. Hanton, D. James, A. A. Legg, J. McDowell, V. S. Pictou, A. L. Jordan, A. L. Block, J. D. Bell, E. Cummings, T. Eddy, S. Hall, Robbins, J. W. Mitchell, J. J. Saunders, C. Shepherd, T. Pritchard, P. Snelling, C. R. D. Ferris, F. McDonald, J. B. Hanson, J. C. Switzer, G. F. A. Rutherford, W. S. M. Chapman, E. T. Calvert, J. L. Hobbs, A. Lanchick, T. S. Milligan, E. Griffiths, J. Jones, W. V. Jones, W. P. Smith, W. E. Brown, E. J. Barnes, W. Knapp, J. J. Fletcher, E. J. Lindsay, P. Hindner, M. Folgrigg, R. W. Kinneer, J.

Walsh, J. Sutherland, R. V. Lee, R. Lee, F. W. Phillips, H. Williams, G. H. Niles, S. T. Yorke, R. H. Reed, W. F. D. Barton, F. J. Stone, J. P. Sim.

PASSED BAD CHEQUES

Man With Many Aliases Passed as a Returned Soldier and Got Much Money.

Frank Clayton, who has innumerable aliases, was arrested by Provincial Constables Owens and Stone yesterday at Cherry Point, near Cobble Hill, on charges of passing forged cheques on hotel-keepers between here and Duncan.

Clayton passed himself off as a returned soldier who had been "gassed," and in this way he got his cheques cashed without much difficulty. For passing one of these, to the amount of \$20, he will be arraigned in provincial police court to-morrow.

He was also wanted by the city police, and this morning he was remanded in police court on a charge of passing a cheque for \$5.

WOUNDED IN KNEE.

Trooper Rex Child, Formerly of Land Department, in Infirmary at Macleodfield.

A letter has been received from Rex Child, formerly of the land and works department, who left Victoria last June with the 2nd C. M. R., as a trooper. He writes that he was wounded in the knee while in the trenches at Dickebusche, Belgium, and is now in the general infirmary, Macleodfield. The wound was slight at first, but was probably infected, and Trooper Child was sent out for an operation, which was evidently quite successful as he hoped soon to be with his unit again after lying up since the second week in October.

TOPP APPEAL LOST.

Judge Lammiman this morning affirmed the conviction by the police court magistrate of C. H. Topp, a member of the firm of C. H. Topp & Co., who was charged with having practiced as a British Columbia land surveyor without a license. Mr. Topp was fined \$50 by the magistrate. Judge Lammiman ordered the fine to stand, and fixed the costs of the appeal at \$25.

Methodist Ministerial Union.—The Methodist Ministerial Union, which includes ministers as well as their wives, and all mission workers in the city, will meet at the home of Rev. Robert Hughes, Esquimalt, to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock, when a paper will be read by Rev. John Robson on "The Pastor and His Work."

PROFESSOR WICKENS' BODY FOUND IN SEA

Well-Known Music Teacher Meets His Death in Unexplained Manner

The body of Professor Edward G. Wickens, for many years a leading teacher of music in this city, was found in the waters of the Strait off the foot of Government street about half-past one o'clock yesterday afternoon, and new lies at the B. C. Funeral chapel.

The last seen of Prof. Wickens was on Saturday night, about ten minutes to ten, when Capt. Atkins bade him good-night on passing him in James Bay district. Yesterday, Albert Rudge, 129 Menzies street, while walking along the sea-front, saw a body floating in the water, and the police were notified. Constable McLellan went out with the patrol wagon, and brought the body in to the undertaker's. When he took it out of the water he immediately recognized it as that of Prof. Wickens.

Prof. Wickens was born in London, England, 55 years ago, and had been a teacher of music practically since his boyhood. He was educated in his native city and then went to Leipzig as a young boy to finish his musical training. He spent many years in Melbourne, Australia, and from there came to Canada, settling first in Guelph, Ontario. He came to this city 25 years ago and made it his home ever since. He was a bachelor, and leaves no relatives in this country, but his mother and one brother live in London.

The deceased was a most generous-hearted man, especially to children, and as a teacher of young people, had few rivals. For long he conducted an annual concert, and sometimes two or three, at which his pupils performed, the proceeds going to the Protestant Orphans' Home and, one year, to the furnishing of a bed at the Royal Jubilee hospital. In many other ways also he showed his kindness to the orphans in need in any way. He had a large circle of friends. He was a pigeon-fancier and had some very fine homing birds.

Prof. Wickens was a member of Victoria-Columbia Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M., and the funeral will be under Masonic auspices, probably on Thursday afternoon. An inquest is being held this afternoon by Coroner Stanier.

RED CROSS HOLLY SHOWER.

At "Broadbanc," 1185 Fort street, on Saturday evening, the Rev. Dr. Campbell celebrated the marriage of Frances Edward Roberts and Miss Caroline Louise Lynn, both of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts will reside in Victoria.

Arrangements have been made by the Red Cross society with the B. C. Holly Export Co. for the shipment of berries holly clippings, and variegated berries holly is wanted particularly. Arrangements can still be made for delivery from those who through the recent rain or any other cause have been unable to make their contributions.

To avoid congestion or loss by delay, deliveries are requested as follows:

From area between Fort street and Hillside avenue on December 13 and 14.

From area between Hillside avenue and Spanish boundary on December 15 and 16.

From Spanish and other districts not covered by above list, deliveries are asked as may be convenient up to Dec. 16.

Contributors are requested to cut only berries clippings, to make these as large as convenient without spoiling trees or including too much heavy wood, and not to crush the holly and to deliver it at 755 View street the same day as cut.

Those who cannot deliver their gift at 755 View street, are requested to telephone No. 284, and a motor will call for it.

Those who cannot cut the holly should telephone the same number, giving name, address and number of trees, and whether or not a ladder is required. Experienced men will then be sent to cut it.

Lecture on Indians.—Rev. C. M. Tait will deliver a lecture on "The Manners, Customs, etc., of the Indians." The lecture will take place in the Metropolitan Methodist church, and will be illustrated by means of numerous Indian curios collected during the past forty-five years of the lecturer's missionary work.

House Broken Into.—Over Sunday the police received notice of the residence of Fred Waddington being broken into, and a gas stove and the front door had been stolen. A quantity of chickens, the property of Councilor Rydman, Saanich, were stolen on Saturday night. Last night the premises of George Sont, 1615 Government street, were broken into and a packet of cigarettes and some tobacco stolen.

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AUSTRALIA'S XMAS

SHIP DUE THURSDAY

Makura Sails From Honolulu on Time; Polyphenus Reported Leaving Coronel

With favorable weather the Canadian-Australian liner Makura, Capt. Phillips, will arrive in port on Thursday from Sydney, via Auckland, Suva and Honolulu. It is believed that she will dock during the afternoon. Word came over the cable yesterday that the red-stacker sailed from the Hawaiian Islands on time last Friday.

The Makura is the Christmas ship from Australia to Canada. She is bringing a huge shipment of mail for distribution all over the North American continent. A large portion of the mail will be discharged at this port for relay to Seattle. The mail delivery on Vancouver Island. The mail is one of the largest to come from the Antipodes since this season last year.

The Makura is bringing a fair list of passengers and has a full cargo of nearly 3,000 tons.

Polyphenus Reports.

Information from Coronel, Chile, yesterday stated that the Blue Funnel liner Polyphenus sailed from there on Thursday of last week. She put in for coal and is now steaming direct to San Francisco, where she should arrive about January 1. After a short stop there she will proceed to Victoria. It is expected that she will dock here about January 7.

The Polyphenus was caught at Coronel through the blockade of the Panama canal. Her owners ordered her to steam to Kingston, Jamaica, and load 3,000 tons of sugar for the B. C. Sugar Refinery at Vancouver. The ship then headed for the Strait of Magellan and is now working her way up the Pacific. She carried considerable Christmas goods for coast merchants, but these will be of little use upon the ship's arrival.

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CHARTERS BEING MADE A YEAR IN ADVANCE

Unprecedented Demand on Coast for Sailing Craft; Rates Are Very High

San Francisco, Dec. 13.—Charters of vessels out of Pacific coast ports are being made at the present time for voyages which will not start for a year, so great is the demand for carriers, especially in the lumber trade. The demand for bottoms of all sorts is increasing all the time, but the longest advance charters are being made for windjammers to carry lumber, and especially to Australian ports.

These charters are for vessels ranging in size from the Oceania Vance, of 24 tons, to the Amazon, of 1,100 tons. Several of them are vessels which have not been offshore as far as Australia for many years, and some which have never done anything but operate in the coasting trade.

Besides these charters for late next year, there are scores of charters for lumber vessels to take lumber to Australia, leaving the Pacific coast during the coming spring and summer months. Included in recent figures are:

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HAVING TRIAL TRIP

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 13.—When the new Norwegian steamship Pacific departed from Seattle on Saturday afternoon, with 8,200 tons of four-loaded in this port and Tacoma, she began a trial run that is said to be without a parallel in North Pacific shipping. She is bound to the United Kingdom but her run from Seattle to Cape Flattery, made at full speed, was scheduled as her trial trip, loaded.

The Pacific was built by the Union Iron Works, of San Francisco, for Hind, Rolph & Co., lumber exporters, but was no sooner launched than she was sold to Y. Torkildsen, a big shipping firm of Bergen, Norway. Hind, Rolph & Co. ordered a duplicate of the vessel built by the Union Iron Works. Representatives of the Union Iron Works and the Torkildsen firm are aboard the vessel to watch her on the unique trial run.

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Seattle, Wash., Dec. 13.—With the sailing yesterday afternoon of the steamer Corwin for San Francisco, the Seattle water front probably had its last glimpse of the famous little vessel which has done such valiant service in Alaska waters. Capt. R. J. Healey was at the wheel when the Corwin sailed for the south, where she will be turned over to her new owner, the Southwest Steamship company, of Los Angeles. She will hereafter ply between San Francisco, San Pedro and Mazatlan or Guaymas, Mexico.

For twelve years the Corwin has been the ice-breaker for vessels in the Seattle-Alaska trade. She has been the first vessel into Nome and points in the north every year. Before entering the commercial routine the Corwin was a United States revenue cutter, and as such participated in many raids on poachers in Alaska waters. She also aided in rescuing numerous whaling expeditions, and her appearance at ports on Kotzebue Sound and at Port Barrow in the spring of each year was always a sight for rejoicing at those places.

Last year she was outfitted for a walrus hunt and went far into the waters of the Arctic in search of the animals.

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BIG SHIP LOST WITH 6,700 TONS OF COAL

St. Kilda Wrecked on Atlantic Coast; Crew Saved; Schooner Also Lost

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 13.—The steamer St. Kilda, Capt. Symmer, bound from Sydney for Lewisport, Newfoundland, with a cargo of coal, ran aground at Cape Couch, Little Miquelon, on Thursday evening. Reports received late on Saturday indicate that she will be a total wreck. The steamer is in an exposed position and leaking badly.

Part of the crew has reached St. Pierre in the ship's boats, the remainder are standing by the ship.

The St. Kilda, which is a Dominion Coal company chartered steamer, carried a cargo of 6,700 tons of coal.

St. Pierre, Miquelon, Dec. 13.—The crew of the schooner Companila, coal-laden from Sydney, N. S., to Newfoundland, which was driven ashore on the west coast of Miquelon during a gale on Thursday, was landed here today. The Companila, a small craft, was abandoned.

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RUSSIANS ARRIVE TO START LIFE AFRESH

Fled Before German Advance in Poland; Engineer Speaks of Conditions

Refugees from Kovno, Vilna, Lodz and other cities and towns, which fell into the hands of the Germans during their advance into Russia, arrived in Victoria yesterday on the Osaka liner Hawaii. They lost their homes and most of their worldly belongings in fleeing from the oppressor, and as they belong to a line of reserves which has not yet been called up, they decided to come to America and start life afresh.

Of late many Russians—most of them Jews—have been arriving on Oriental liners, but the contingent which crossed the Pacific on the Hawaii was the largest to arrive since the outbreak of the war.

None of the Russians or Poles who arrived yesterday could speak English, but travelling first-class was E. C. Bloomfield, a mining engineer of London, who has been in Siberia for three years. He speaks Russian fluently and was in conversation with the refugees during the trip and learned something about their condition and affairs.

The Poles told him they had fled from Kovno, Vilna, Lodz and other cities which fell into the hands of the Germans. When they knew the cities were in imminent danger of falling they gathered together the home treasures and either joined the refugee train or walked. They say that many women and children, and even some of the men, became weary and worn-out on the march and died some on the road, side and died. Some succumbed through starvation.

Regarding Kovno the refugees say that the city was sold to the Germans by the Russian general. The Germans were pouring tons of metals into the city, but the forces only replied feebly, despite the fact that there was plenty of ammunition. The general has since been sentenced to fifteen years' imprisonment.

Conditions in Siberia.

For some time Mr. Bloomfield worked in the Altai mountains, Siberia. Speaking of the effects of the war in that vast country, he says the people are suffering very little. There is no privation. The effects are small owing to the remoteness of the country. Thousands of young men have gone to the firing line, and many have been wounded, but the industries are being maintained as before. Many women, children and old men are now working in the fields, replacing the men who have been called up.

"The people are all cheerful," said Mr. Bloomfield, "and they are confident of but one outcome, and that victory for them. This is a popular war in the Russian empire, contrary to the Russo-Japanese war. The Russians hate the Germans. Russia is now accumulating a large supply of ammunition for her spring work. The winter will be of wonderful assistance to the Russians. You know the Russian soldier in a hard man and can exist in cold weather on very little food. In some parts of the firing line the temperature will go down to 65 degrees below zero. I think that the raiding parties carried out by the Cossacks will greatly harass the Germans during the winter."

Mr. Bloomfield said that there was considerable ill-feeling against some of the members of the Russian government owing to their actions in the war. The government, however, was now dealing with these men. As regards a revolution in Russia, Mr. Bloomfield scoffs at the idea.

MUSICIAN WILL ARRIVE FROM U. K. ON FRIDAY

San Francisco, Dec. 13.—The Harrison Direct line freighter Musician arrived here on Saturday morning from the United Kingdom via Santos and the Straits of Magellan. She had 2,000 tons of cargo for San Francisco, including 1,500 sacks of coffee. The vessel also has a large amount of general cargo for Puget Sound. The Musician will get away for the north Tuesday and arrive at Victoria on Friday.

Another of the windjammer fleet, the General Fairclough, sailed for the United Kingdom on Saturday. She took \$8,640 cents of barley and is bound to Ipswich.

Helpless forty miles north of Point Reyes on account of a broken tail shaft the coaster Johan Paulsen was picked up and towed to port here by the steamer Arctic, arriving late Saturday afternoon.

Bound for Nanaimo for a cargo of coal, the barge Acapulco, in tow of the tug Tatoosh, left Saturday afternoon for the north.

Bilson, who is a very stout man, was running to catch a train the other day, when his friend Jones called out, "Hallo, Bilson! In a hurry? Going somewhere?" Keeping his breath for other purposes, Bilson made no reply, but he determined to take a terrible revenge. About one o'clock next morning he called Jones up on the telephone. After a deal of ringing, a sleepy voice at the other end of the wire told him Jones was there. "That you, Jones?" queried Bilson. "Who do you want?" asked Jones. "I've been in bed these two hours." "I'm Bilson," went on the other. "Remember seeing me running this morning, eh? Yes? Well, I was going somewhere, and I was in a hurry. Good-night!" Then Bilson hung up the receiver and got back into bed a happy man.

HEAVY GALE ENABLES SHIP TO ESCAPE FIRE

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 13.—For once at least the storm king has done a good turn for Capt. Santo Malle, master of the Peruvian barkentine Stella, which has been loading a cargo of lumber at Port Angeles for South America.

Capt. Malle, not being accustomed to the American laws, sailed from Port Angeles Thursday for Callao without clearing. Officers of the United States coast guard steamer Unalga were informed by the customs authorities of the action of the Stella and immediately put to sea in search of the vessel.

After a fifteen-mile chase the barkentine was overhauled and taken in tow by the coast guard cutter for Port Angeles. A forty-mile gale was blowing and the Unalga found that she had undertaken a difficult task. While a few miles inside of Cape Flattery the heavy hawser parted and the Stella went adrift. There was grave danger of the sailing craft being carried on

EMPLOYERS ANSWER LABOR'S ASSERTIONS

Position of Munition Workers Here; School Board in Quandary

Issue has been taken by the management of the firms engaged in munition work here to the statements contained in the letter of the president of the Trades and Labor council, published in Friday's Times. This letter was the rejoinder to the comment made at the school board meeting on Wednesday when the subject of training of workers for shell factories was under discussion. Not satisfied that a case for starting operations had been made, the committee was given further time to report, and since that time it has prosecuted inquiries among the employers to ascertain exactly how the matter stands.

The result of those inquiries is being given to the board at a special meeting to-day. Several issues raised in Mr. Wells' letter are directly rebutted by the employers, says Mr. Paul, the municipal inspector.

Mr. Wells says: "We can see no need for more men in the munition trade, or any branch of it, so long as there are competent men idle."

The employers reply: "More men can be employed, and if we do not get skilled workmen here, it will be necessary to apply to Ottawa for permission to import men."

Mr. Wells: "We are prepared to supply competent men, if the manufacturers will pay the rate paid in other towns in Canada, but it is impossible to supply men while the rate is lower here than elsewhere. Victoria is the only place that has not had an increase in wages in the whole Dominion."

The response to this observation is: "We are paying as high rates as elsewhere in Canada, better than in some cities. Men in the work, if skilled, are making as much as \$150 a month in Victoria. Attempts have been made, it is true, to raise the pay in individual cases, which appears to forecast an effort to compel employers to readjust wages, or risk a strike."

Mr. Wells: "It does not seem feasible to train men for the work in question by their attendance at evening schools for two nights weekly, and it may only result in men being partially trained, being used at lower wages in the future, in a business that at this time looks to be a good trade, but until the outbreak of war, has been in a very dull state for a number of years."

The answer to this statement is that one of the firms is already training men for the work, but it requires too much of the attention of skilled workmen to watch and instruct these men who could be better employed elsewhere. Boys of 16 and 17 years of age, the committee is assured, could easily do the work. Only one type of instruction would be given, so that when conditions are normal again these persons will not in any sense compete with skilled machinists.

Mr. Wells: "We are not in favor of the training of adults in technical subjects at the public expense."

"The classes would be practically self-supporting," Mr. Paul replies, "as are many of the night classes now."

"Mr. Wells: 'With the appointing of inspectors from the machinists' local we are in agreement, and the local has agreed to appoint men who are fully competent providing that the men to be trained have received previous training at the trade, as bench hands, floor men, etc. There are a number of men of this type, who owing to not being experienced at lathe running, but being thoroughly familiar with machine construction, will in a very short time prove good operators."

"We would call to your attention the fact that the machines used here are not the same as are used in many other parts of the empire, where women are employed, and require a degree of skill not to be acquired in a few days, and are convinced that we can by this means provide all the men necessary for the operation of all plants in the city engaged in the production of shells."

The machines here, say the employers, are, with the exception of one shop, of a similar character to those used elsewhere.

Under these circumstances the committee will take the opinion of the board again, as to whether it is desirable to make a beginning and take a chance on labor opposition. Mr. Paul observes that the original effort to have a class started came from members of the Trades and Labor council, who apparently have abandoned the scheme when there was a good prospect of its success.

A meeting of the board, at an appointment to the staff at the High school and to vacancies in the graded schools will be made. There are numerous applications for the vacant office of school nurse.

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The overseas draft of one hundred men recruited from the 5th Regiment, C. G. A., left Victoria on Saturday afternoon by the 2.30 boat for Vancouver. They were in charge of Superintendent Lieut. W. B. Shaw, and Lieuts. Denby, Scott, and Sutherland. The draft was accompanied by Lieut. Sutherland, who is also accompanying the draft. Lieut. Shaw only recently returned from the front on furlough, and Lieut. Sutherland has just completed a course at the Kingston Military college, and is joining the draft in Eastern Canada.

With this draft went twenty-five men from the Canadian Army Medical Corps, which only three weeks ago returned from the summer camp at Vernon, expecting to winter at Work Point. This draft went in charge of Captain MacGee.

Many of the men in each draft were very well known in Victoria, and there was a splendid turnout of citizens to see them away, despite the fact that the time of their departure was not advertised widely in the press. Belleville and Government streets were crowded with people, who cheered the men as they passed on their way to the boat. Owing to the relatively small number who were leaving the men were not marched down much in advance of the sailing time, as is the case when whole units leave at a time, and only a few minutes were left them to say good-bye to the relatives and friends at the wharf. Most of the more intimate acquaintances had been apprised of the time of sailing some days before, and were at the boat to extend their best wishes and bid them God-speed.

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CHILDREN HELP CHILDREN

Concert Next Friday at North Ward School to Help Victoria Day Nursery.

In fulfillment of a promise made some months ago by J. M. Campbell, principal of the North Ward school, the pupils of that institution will give a concert and entertainment next Friday afternoon at 2.30 in aid of the Children's Aid. The entertainment will take place at the North Ward school, and an admission of twenty-five cents is being charged so that all who give their patronage to the event will be helping the very deserving institution which cares for the little tots whose mothers work during the day.

The Victoria Day Nursery, of which Rev. E. G. Miller is the chairman, has done a great deal for small children in the city since its establishment about three years ago, and there are now no less than nineteen little ones in residence there. Christmas is very near, and it is hoped that these, like all the more fortunate youngsters in Victoria, will have a happy Christmas.

Everyone will have an opportunity to help their funds by attending the concert next Friday afternoon at the North Ward school. A first-rate programme has been arranged from the talent among the school children, and a good time is assured all who attend.

He had been calling on her twice a week for six months, but had not proposed. He was a wise young man, and didn't think it necessary. "Ethel," he said as they were taking a stroll one evening, "I—er—am going to ask you an important question." "Oh, George," she exclaimed, "this is so sudden. Why I—?" "What I want to ask is this," he interrupted. "What date have you and your mother decided upon for your wedding?"

CITY'S INTEREST IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Decisions of House Next Year
Will Have Important Bearing
on City Affairs.

The city of Victoria, as the largest city operating under the Municipal act, will have important interests at stake in the municipal legislation of the house at the forthcoming session.

It has a special interest in the financial clauses which the committee of the union of British Columbia municipalities will present for amendment of the statute, to meet the growing delinquency of municipalities in their levies on property owners. There is also the private bill to change and validate various by-laws, and the bill which it is promoting in conjunction with the B. C. Telephone company to ratify the agreement with regard to easements on private property.

The financial clauses of the general act, however, will have the greatest importance for the future welfare of the city. The proposal to meet tax delinquency has been very exhaustively discussed by the provincial union, and power will be sought to treat the taxes as a debt which can be translated into a marketable asset when the season is opportune, and for which a certificate can be issued redeemable under certain fixed conditions. Thus it is proposed to meet the tax sale situation, which is full of difficulty. The increase of delinquency due to people being unable to pay their taxes, a factor which has only come into serious consideration in the last two or three years, is to be met by securing powers to borrow on a percentage of the unpaid taxes. The actual percentage necessarily will have to be well within the margin of security, but in view of the fact that a realty tax is a charge against the property, and not against the person like the ordinary civic debt, sooner or later the property must extinguish its liability. Both these proposals will have to be carefully adjusted to avoid undue pressure on the individual, but the municipalities have, to find revenue from some source or other. As the law recognizes their right to raise money by taxation of land so the Municipal act must be modified to permit the money to be collected when people are escaping their obligations as much as possible.

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LAND IS OFFERED FOR CULTIVATION

Affiliated Friendly Societies Association Paying Attention to Vacant Lots

The first annual meeting of the Affiliated Friendly Societies' association was held at the A. O. F. hall on Friday, the 10th inst., at which letters were read giving the society permission to again use certain land for cultivation. The secretary was instructed to announce that anyone desirous of obtaining a piece of land for cultivation should make application to the chairman of the Land Cultivation committee, G. W. Allison, of 1203 Seaview avenue, off Hillside. The land can be obtained on the same conditions as last year, viz.: Without charge or restrictions except that those cultivating same do not offer their produce for sale.

The association decided to reduce first membership fees from \$10.00 per annum to \$2.00 with the object of increasing the membership.

Officers Elected.
The officers elected for the ensuing year are: E. C. B. Bagshawe, president; Thos. Walker, vice-president; Charles J. Wright, secretary; J. Hammond, treasurer; D. C. McKenzie, door guard. Executive committee: G. W. Allison, A. Manson, C. E. Coleman, W. J. Edwards, R. S. Clark, A. E. MacEachern, representing eight orders as provided by the constitution of the society.

The meetings of the society will in future be held on the second Thursday in each month.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 10, 1915.
The President and Members of the Affiliated Friendly Societies' Association, Victoria, B. C.

Gentlemen:—In presenting my report to this the first annual meeting of the Affiliated Friendly Societies' association, I intend to briefly refer to the origin of the society, its meetings, membership and objects, publicity, and results of the first year's work. The society owes its existence to a meeting held in the Belmont house, Victoria, on October 23, 1914, at which no less than 50 per cent of the fraternal orders of this city were represented. This meeting was presided over by Mr. E. C. B. Bagshawe. It was decided to send a general invitation to all lodges to send delegates, with power to act, to a meeting on November 1, 1914, at the K. of P. hall. A large number of lodges responded to this invitation and from those present a committee was selected to draft a constitution consisting of delegates from the Ancient Order of Foresters, Knights of Pythias, Sons of England, Loyal Order of Moose, Royal Arcanum, and British Campfiremen.

The by-laws prepared by this committee were subsequently adopted and mailed to every order in the city; they were also forwarded to all sister lodges in Vancouver, anticipating that the mainland would follow us in establishing similar organizations, but our ambition in this direction failed, although I believe had this society been in a financial position to have sent an organizer to Vancouver, our object in that direction would have been accomplished.

Nineteen meetings of the association have been held during the year, and ten meetings of the executive committee, while sub-committees have met on numerous occasions. Harmony and a splendid spirit of co-operation has existed at every meeting held, which I think augurs well for the prosperity of the society. Through the courtesy of the directors of the K. of P. hall, A. O. F. hall, and our president, Mr. Bagshawe, the society has been enabled to hold its meetings without exception free from any charge or rental.

Objects of Association.
The membership and objects of this association is in a way unique, as it may be composed from any order irrespective of religious or political faith. At present we represent some eleven orders, and I anticipate that the proposed reduction of the dues will result in an increased membership. Our objects are twofold: 1st. The fostering of schemes for the advancement of fraternal orders. 2nd. Promoting objects for the benefit of the citizens of Victoria.

As regards the first object, we have barely considered the advisability of outlining a campaign until we have obtained the unanimous support of all lodges; we are not organized for the purpose of favoring any one order, or to prejudice an order not affiliated with us. The second object has been demonstrated in a practical manner; funds were raised for supplying Christmas and New Year hampers before the close of last year; considerable work in administering relief has fallen to the share of the relief committee, the funds being provided for this purpose by the members of the association.

The organization of the central employment and relief bureau, which has proven a very useful institution. Delegates were also sent to the meeting at Alexandra club at the time the branch of the Red Cross was being formed here, and later funds were contributed to that society, and our president appointed a member. The question of land cultivation was undertaken by us, the success of which was due to the splendid support obtained from His Worship Mayor Stewart and members of the city council. The attorney-general, Colonel the Hon. E. G. Prior, Frank Burrell, the B. C. Electric Railway Co., Messrs. A. P. Luxton and W. J. Savory in donating the use of their properties. I am sanguine we shall have every success in continuing our work in this direction.

We have obtained splendid co-operation from the press, some 7½ columns of items have been published, and space has been donated on various occasions to advertise our concerts, sports, etc. I believe their support

has been a factor in making our first year's work a success.

In conclusion I would like to express my appreciation of the splendid co-operation I have received from every member of the society in carrying out my duties as secretary. It has been indeed a pleasure to me to have held office, and I trust that the association will have every success during the ensuing year.

Fraternally yours,
(Sgd.) CHARLES J. WRIGHT.

ARE FACILITIES OF CITY MARKET ABUSED?

Retail Merchants' Assn. Brings Allegation to Council's Attention; Business To-night

Since Saturday a number of communications have come in to the city council for attention this evening. Still the principal subject will be the Johnson street bridge report, which has been recast, it is stated, from the form adopted last week.

The Victoria Retail Merchants' association is taking up with the council, as might have been anticipated, an allegation concerning the city market, that some of the butchers retailing meat there are not selling home products of the farms in the vicinity of Victoria. The council is reminded in the letter of the original objects for which the market was established fifteen months ago, and an investigation is asked for. Having been invited to express an opinion on the proposed early closing by law, the association seeks a conference, there being subjects which can better be discussed verbally.

It is improbable that the city council will feel it incumbent to deal with the lengthy resolution of the Civic Improvement association, discussed and adopted at the meeting last Tuesday, and which was reported in Wednesday's Times. That resolution, after requesting the present pressure of taxation, requested the council to cut the mayor's salary to \$2,000, and abolish aldermanic salaries during the year 1916. Already the appropriation for the municipal council has gone through estimates committee, on the ground that whatever is done in that regard must be carried out by the new council. Thus it seems probable that the council will send the communication on to its successors.

In connection with municipal salaries, a letter will be read from the city clerk of Vancouver asking what salaries are paid to department heads, particularly in the police and fire departments. The Vancouver scale, which used to be high, is now much lower than Victoria, only two officials receive \$3,000 or upwards. Another salary inquiry comes from Regina, where the Saskatchewan capital pays a regular fee to its police commissioners, seeking information on the arrangements here. The city school board asks for the use of the association hall in the old jail, for the extension of its accommodation along the lines described last week. Several other matters are on the agenda paper for attention.

CITY STORES DEPARTMENT

Aldermen Favor Reform; But Strike Out Appropriation to Carry It Out.

The consolidation of the civic purchasing department and the various stores which frequently has been before the aldermen, and was shelved on Friday in estimates committee by the process of recommending a reform to the next council, and then preventing its consummation by striking out the vote for the necessary buildings, brings up a question about which less knowledge is shown among the aldermen than in any other department. As a result of this lack of information, the efficiency of the department has been materially impaired this year. Very valuable stores are maintained at the city hall, yet an officer on half time and a storekeeper comprise all the staff maintained, while a separate department which should have long since gone to Garbally road is retained at Chambers street.

The latter yard has escaped the same criticism by charging a profit. It is stated, on the stores handled, the profit being added to the various by-laws and appropriations under which work is done, while the city stores department sends out its supplies at cost price, the whole cost of maintenance being thus charged to the estimates. In the afternoon when the storekeeper is away, the office has to be closed, greatly to the annoyance of people having business there, and to the foremen sending down requisitions for supplies. If the stores departments were all consolidated at Garbally road it would be by far the cheapest way of handling the business from the city standpoint, but the merchants who have business with that branch of the city service would probably grumble seriously at being required to go to Garbally road, a mile from the business district, to see the purchasing agent.

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LARGEST RAID EVER KNOWN IN CHINATOWN

One Hundred and Fifty-Four Men Taken in a Gambling Place on Saturday Night

The largest raid ever undertaken in Chinatown was made at a quarter of eleven o'clock on Saturday night, when a force of constables in charge of Inspector Heatley and Sergeant Fry made a descent upon the Oriental club, in Fan Tan alley, and before the patrol wagon had ceased making its trips to and from the police station there were one hundred and fifty-four Chinese behind the bars. It was after half-past one o'clock on Sunday morning before the last of them had been searched, and booked on charges of being in a gambling place.

The men were so disposed about the place that escape was impossible. Then the front entrance to the club was broken into and a scene of indescribable confusion followed. The trapped frequenters, in their efforts to escape from windows and skylights, overturned furniture, and within the space of a few seconds the clubrooms presented the appearance of a place struck by a storm.

In addition to the prisoners the police carried away a large quantity of furniture, including chairs, benches, mirrors, clocks, etc., not even a tea kettle being overlooked. A quantity of gambling paraphernalia and opium lay-outs were also taken.

Of the men arrested 31 got bail during the night and 67 remained in the cells until this afternoon. Half a dozen were allowed out owing to their being badly diseased in one way or another. This afternoon they are all being arraigned before Magistrate Jay in the city police court.

BARS OUT OF BOUNDS FROM 9.30 P. M. TO NOON

"Bars and saloons out of bounds. Between the hours of 9.30 p. m. and 12 noon all bars, saloons and drinking places, where intoxicating liquors are retailed, are placed out of bounds for all troops in the district. This applies to all ranks."

This order is posted in the week's district orders as issued by headquarters Military District No. 11, Victoria, and the Yukon, and means that no soldier, whether private or officer, shall be permitted to enter any saloon or licensed drinking place after 9.30 in the evening. The order is significant. But compared with the more stringent rules in force in more eastern provinces, it is a concession to the good behaviour of the men of British Columbia.

WILL HOLD INSTITUTE.

Revs. S. T. Bartlett and J. P. Westman Will Conduct Discussions and Conferences.

A Sunday School and Epworth League institute will be held in the schoolroom of the Metropolitan Methodist church, on Wednesday afternoon and evening, when Revs. S. T. Bartlett and J. P. Westman will be present and will conduct the various discussions and conferences.

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CORNER GOVERNMENT AND BROUGHTON STREETS

and conferences. The following is the programme of the institute:
3.15 p.m.—Opening devotional exercises. Rev. S. J. Thompson.
4.30 p.m.—Conference on Junior League and S. S. Methods. Rev. S. T. Bartlett.
4.30 p.m.—Home and Adult Departments. Rev. S. T. Bartlett.
6.30 p.m.—Supper.
7.15 p.m.—Address by Rev. S. T. Bartlett. Collection.
8.45 p.m.—Conference with all Senior League executives of district. Rev. S. T. Bartlett.
9.45-9.50 p.m.—Conference of Sunday school workers on Teacher Training. Rev. S. T. Bartlett.
9.50 p.m.—Closing.

The chair will be taken by Rev. F. N. Stapleford, M. A. B. D., president of the Victoria District Epworth League.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Several Closing Exercises Have Been Set for This Week Among City's Schools.

Several school functions will bring the term to a conclusion on Friday. Many of the private schools will also be closing this week for the Christmas holidays, and will hold their annual festive gatherings.

Among the city public schools which will hold their exercises this week are

Burnside, plays, Wednesday at 2 o'clock; Kingston Street, entertainment for Red Cross funds at South Park school, Thursday at 8 o'clock; Children's Aid, Thursday at 2 o'clock; North Ward school, Friday. The Girls' Central school always stages an effective entertainment, and there are others not yet notified at the board offices.

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FUNERAL NOTICE

Loyal Orange Association and Ladies of the L.O.B.A.

Officers and members are hereby requested to attend the funeral of the late Most Worshipful Rev. Dr. Reid, Tuesday, December 14, 1915, 2.15 p.m., at B. C. Funeral Parlors, and 2.30 p.m. at Reform Episcopal Church. Members will meet at Orange Hall at 2 p.m. sharp.

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THE BRITISH ADVANCE FROM PERSIAN GULF

Official Story in the Dispatches: Remarkable Crossing of the Tigris

The earlier operations of the gallant British and Indian force, which has been fighting for many months along the rivers at the head of the Persian Gulf, are described in a Blue Book issued recently, containing dispatches. These dispatches give detailed accounts of:

1. The operations of the Indian expeditionary force at the head of the Persian Gulf up to March 31, and
2. The operations in the vicinity of Shaliba from April 12 to April 14, 1915.

Perhaps the outstanding feature of the dispatches is the illustration that affords of the value of military and naval co-operation: the mixed British and Indian force has received invaluable support from the ships of the Royal Navy that took part in the operations, and from the Royal Indian Marine.

These are graphic accounts of the capture of Basrah and Qurnah, and many individual deeds of gallantry, skill and resource are recorded. Indeed, the campaign resembles the fighting in the Dardanelles and Gallipoli, inasmuch as valor was so general that it is impossible to draw attention to more than one or two particular instances of British pluck and endurance.

The Arrival

The first dispatch describes the operations of the Indian expeditionary force "D" at the head of the Persian Gulf up to November 28, 1914. Brigadier W. S. Delamain, C. B., commanding the 16th Brigade, tells how the force under his command left Bombay on October 14 in four transports, part of a large convoy. The force arrived at the mouth of the Shatt-el-Arab on the evening of November 3. The hostile guns were soon silenced, and a landing was made without opposition, with strong reinforcements.

Lieut. General Sir A. A. Barrett, K. C. B., commanding the Indian expeditionary force "D," describes the subsequent disembarkation of his troops at Kut-el-Amara, where General Delamain's force was already bivouacked, and the successful advance to Basrah, the outstanding features of which have already been made known in this country. The dispatch shows how all opposition and difficulties were many were surmounted, the 2nd Dorset Regiment taking a prominent part in the operations. In a turning movement carried out by General Delamain, this regiment was the first to come into action, had serious losses, meeting heavy fire in an exposed position. In this engagement the enemy's losses probably amounted to about 2,000. His total strength was estimated at 3,000 Turks and 1,500 Arabs, with 12 guns.

Praising the behavior of the troops throughout the fighting, Lieut. General Barrett writes: "The behavior of the 1st Battalion, when exposed to both frontal and enfilade fire, is especially to be commended."

The same officer gives an account of the arrival at Basrah, and adds: "In concluding this report I wish to stress upon the very great assistance that I have received throughout

from Captain Hayes-Sadler, R. N., the senior naval officer in the Persian Gulf, and the officers and men serving under him, without which it would have been quite impossible to bring these operations to a successful issue. I am also much indebted to Sir Percy Cox for his advice and help on all occasions, and for the valuable and accurate information that he was able to procure for me, chiefly through the Sheikh of Mohammurah, who, at the risk of drawing upon himself the hostility of the Turks, has spared no pains to prove himself our true friend and ally."

The Capture of Qurnah

Later dispatches, dated from the British headquarters at Basrah, deal with the capture of Qurnah and the surrender of the Turkish garrison there, with its commander, the late V. V. of Basrah, Col. G. S. Fraser. With a small force was able to land on December 2 a few miles below Qurnah, on the left bank of the Tigris, and to clear the enemy from the left bank of the river. Then General C. I. Fry arrived with reinforcements and the capture of the garrison was effected. "I consider," writes Lieut. General Barrett, "that the crossing of the river was a most creditable performance, and I trust that the gallant command of Lieut. General Barrett and the non-commissioned officers and men of the 2nd Sappers and Miners, who swam the river, will meet with due recognition."

This remarkable incident is thus described by General Fry: "At 11.30 a.m. Havildar Ghulam Nabi swam across the Tigris with a long line, accompanied by Lance Naik Nur Dad and Sapper Ghulam Haidar, and in spite of a strong current and the possibility of a heavy fire being brought on them at any moment, they succeeded in swimming the 120 yards of river and landing on the right bank. Lieut. Campbell, R.E., then went across, and the 12 inch wire cable, especially brought up for the purpose, was hauled over and made fast, a difficult feat in the strong current on an ebb tide."

"A show was secured with the assistance of two or three friendly Arabs, and, being brought across, the first party of some 30 men, 10th Light Infantry, under Lieut. Colonel Fraser and Captain Cochran, general staff officer, 3rd grade, for intelligence, successfully landed on the right bank at 1.20 p.m., under some rifle fire from the operation was tedious, the rest of the battalion was gradually pushed over."

"Meanwhile the navy and a double company of each of the 20th Infantry and 7th Rajputs were distracting the enemy's fire by shelling the island."

Some picturesque incidents are described in the dispatches concerning the field operations in the vicinity of Shaliba between April 12 and 14, 1915. These operations closed with the defeat of the Turkish forces on the 14th at the battle of Barjislayah. The movements of troops were often accompanied with the help of the native boat known as the "bellum," which is piloted by two men, and carries 8 to 10 armed men or their equivalent in stores or ammunition.

The Turkish troops, it is stated, showed themselves well trained, and exhibited tenacity and courage; while their musketry and machine-gun fire were "remarkably effective." Excellent

lent service was done in a very exposed position by the machine guns of the 2nd Norfolk Regiment. This regiment fought gallantly and lost heavily in the Shaliba fighting.

A dispatch from Major-General C. J. Mellis, the general officer commanding the Shaliba force, concludes: "It is gratifying to record the fact that all the Indian troops engaged (24th Punjab excepted) are old Bombay Presidency regiments. They have proved on this occasion that they are worthy to stand shoulder to shoulder with the best troops that the empire can produce, and I trust that these corps may be permitted to inscribe the battle honor of 'Barjislayah' on their colors as a fitting tribute to their gallant conduct on this hard-fought field."

OBITUARY RECORD

The death occurred yesterday of Kenneth Albert Bushell, the five-day-old son of Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Bushell, of 2417 Work street. The funeral was held this afternoon, with interment at Ross Bay cemetery.

The funeral of Louis Stanislaus Wilson took place yesterday from the residence of his brother-in-law, the deceased, C. Koche, of 932 Cambridge road. The services at the house and at the Jewish cemetery were conducted by Dr. Hartman. Many people were present and there were numbers of floral offerings. The following acted as pallbearers: Fred Landberg, Max Lohr, J. M. Nohat, H. Greenfelder, H. J. Malloch, and J. Wastock.

PERSONAL

H. C. Brewster is confined to his home with a slight attack of illness and has been ordered by his doctor to remain indoors for a few days.

John G. G. Kerry, the eminent civil engineer, who with Col. Tracey acted as an assessor in the Shaliba waterworks suit, was in the city on Saturday for an hour, on his route east after consultation in a case on the American side. Mr. Kerry was met by City Engineer Rust.

GERMANS AIDED IN KILLING ARMENIANS

Paris, Dec. 12.—A dispatch, printed in the Matin says:

"The pope has received convincing evidence that the Turkish atrocities in Armenia were aimed not only at the Armenians, but at all Christians. Roman Catholic bishops and priests were tortured to death. One bishop was tortured to death with a dog on his breast."

"The documents in possession of the vatican relating to the wholesale slaughters in Armenia are said to show irrefragably that German officers, agents and consuls were implicated."

TURKS REPULSED.

London, Dec. 12.—Turkish attacks on the British Mesopotamian army at Kut-el-Amara have been repulsed. It was announced in an official statement to-night. British reinforcements are being pushed forward.

STRIKE IN PITTSBURG.

Pittsburg, Dec. 12.—Many thousands of dollars' worth of war munitions and other contracts were tied up here today by the strike of iron-moulders and core-makers, which affects between sixty and seventy foundries and has spread to about 1,500 men.

APPOINTMENT CONFIRMED.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The appointment of Mr. Lansing as secretary of state was confirmed today by the senate. The secretary has been serving under a recess appointment while congress was in adjournment.

LOYALTY TO MOTHERLAND.

Those who expected fuller light, evidence of more vigorous leading, and a renewal of public confidence from Mr. Asquith's speech on Tuesday must, we fear, have been disappointed. With much that he said in the first part of his remarks the whole nation is in entire and absolute agreement; indeed, it has been saying it again and again for months past. Our navy has been and is splendid, and has fully justified the faith and confidence reposed in it. Our soldiers—regulars, territorials and members of the new armies—have risen to heights of heroism never surpassed in our long and glorious history. Our colonies and dependencies have given an inspiring and uplifting example of loyalty and attachment to the motherland, which can never be effaced from memory. Our people at home have disclosed an unlimited capacity for self-sacrifice, and a generosity beyond all praise. Surrey (Eng.) Advertiser.

Jack—"So you are engaged to Miss Gotrox, I understand?" Tom—"I am."

Jack—"Well, I hardly know whether to congratulate you or not. She is very exacting, I hear, and if you marry her you will have to give up drinking and smoking." Tom—"Oh, well, it might be worse. If I don't marry her I'll probably have to give up eating." An infant class had been drilled for half an hour in reading the time. "Now," said the teacher hopefully, as she pointed to the large and small hands on the schoolroom clock, "Gertie, you may be the first one to tell me the time!" Gertie wrestled with the problem for a moment, then announced triumphantly: "Please, mum, it is just one inch past eleven."

GRAFT?

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CLAIMS BY BERLIN

WAR OFFICE TO-DAY

Stated No British or French Troops in Southern Serbia Now

Berlin, Dec. 12.—The French and British have been entirely expelled from Macedonia territory, it is announced to-day by army headquarters, by the advancing army under Dolan and Greville. It is declared that two British divisions were nearly wiped out during the advance.

Aside from a few small engagements and the capture of several hundred more Serbians, Sunday passed quietly. The report from the war office says that at Ipek, Montenegro, twelve cannon which had been buried by the Serbians were discovered. The army of General von Konev took 500 prisoners. During the last few days more than 1,000 Serbians, whose retreat had been cut off, were taken.

Berlin, Dec. 12.—Direct communication by telephone between Berlin and Sofia has been opened. The first conversation, by way of Nish, Orsova and Budapest, was held by the Bulgarian and German war ministers.

WINTER WEATHER AT THE DARDANELLES

Turks Overtaken Unprepared; Australians and New Zealanders Standing Cold Well

London, Dec. 12.—Winter weather at the Dardanelles is proving to be a severe test for the Australians and Turks alike. Reuters' correspondent at the front says that the first blizzard of early December found the Turks entirely unprepared. It was necessary for them to evacuate several positions, as the trenches were flooded. The bodies of several Turkish soldiers, as well as a number of dead mules, were washed down into the allies' trenches. Prisoners taken by the Australians were "poorly clad and reported that the Turkish troops were on half rations pending an improvement in their communications."

The Australian and New Zealand troops, including the Maoris from New Zealand, withstood the cold, although many of them had never seen snow before. The British authorities believe that owing to their hardy physique and excellent condition these troops will pass through the winter in satisfactory condition.

The activities of the Turks recently have been comparatively unimportant. Such attacks as have been made have not been pushed. Severe weather is expected through January and February.

DO NOT LOOK FOR CONSCRIPTION NOW

People of Motherland Gratified by Great Response to Derby's Appeal

London, Dec. 12.—While no official computation was forthcoming last night of the recruiting accomplished under Lord Derby's scheme, outside estimates agree that the closing effort under the scheme has brought the total number who have joined the colors since the beginning of the war to the neighborhood of 4,000,000. This, it was said by a recruiting officer, must be taken only as an unofficial estimate, as the actual figures are held secret until Lord Derby's report reaches Mr. Asquith.

The rush of recruits during the last two weeks has been very great. A considerable proportion of those offering themselves failed to meet the medical requirements, but this does not lessen the gratification felt.

Lord Derby is immensely elated over the outcome of his gigantic effort and it is thought now that conscription will be avoided. If the number, as finally revealed, falls slightly below the mark, it is probable more men will be obtained by another call without resorting to conscription.

Thousands Yesterday. While the volunteer recruiting was supposed to end on Saturday, the war office officials by giving another day to accommodate the crowds who were unable to get themselves attested owing to the rush in the last hours, made it possible for many thousands more to enlist on Sunday throughout Britain. All day the recruiting stations in London and elsewhere were at work putting down the names of men who had carried away with them on Saturday only slips showing that they had offered themselves, but had been unable to get their attestation slips fully filled up. Further grace will be allowed until Wednesday night for others to do the same.

Lord Derby was out of town yesterday, catching his breath after his recruiting efforts.

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MINNESOTA NOT AT SAN FRANCISCO YET

Tugs and Liner Overtaken by Blustery Southeast Wind Last Night

San Francisco, Dec. 12.—A blustery southeaster battered the crippled Minnesota from dusk yesterday until dawn to-day and the wrecking steamer, tugs and the big ship, with her secret, forced to steer a course obliquely offshore, were little nearer San Francisco this morning than last night at 8 o'clock, when the liner wireless: "35 miles south of the lights."

Marine Superintendent Wiley, of the Great Northern Steamship Company, said this morning that he felt no fear for the ship. Once off the lights the Minnesota will anchor and will wait for fair weather to enter port. For the first time in the history of the port, the pilots have to deal with a merchantman which cannot pass over the bar. As a consequence they will have to bring her in through the north channel, and this will require a calm sea. Five, possibly more, tugs will assist in bringing the monster in and they will leave her off Meigs' wharf.

Once in the bay, federal authorities who have been investigating the activity of spies, will take charge of the ship. No one but government officials and employees of the company will be allowed aboard, and none of the crew will be permitted ashore until the probe is ended. It has been announced.

SIR PERCY SCOTT IS NOT IN CHARGE NOW

London, Dec. 12.—The anti-aircraft corps in London is under the sole control of the war office and Vice-Admiral Sir Percy Scott is no longer in charge.

This announcement was made in the Commons to-day by Harold F. Temple, parliamentary under-secretary for war. He explained that the division of responsibility between the admiralty and the war office had been the basis of many criticisms.

Sir Percy Scott was appointed commander of the aerial defences of London last September while the authorities were being criticized severely because Zeppelin raids were not prevented.

FRENCH OCCUPIED MINE CRATER IN CHAMPAGNE

Paris, Dec. 12.—The announcement from the war office this afternoon follows:

"In the Champagne, near Le Mesnil, we occupied the crater made by a mine explosion by the Germans."

"There were no developments elsewhere."

BRITAIN IS BUYING BOTTLES IN STATES

Wheeling, W. Va., Dec. 12.—An order for 140,000 gross of bottles has been given by the British government to the Hazel-Atlas Glass Co., of this city, and the Williamstown Glass Co., of Williamstown, N. J., delivery to be made as quickly as possible. The bottles are to be used in sending liquid food, such as soups and milk, to the soldiers in the trenches.

The demand for American bottles has been so pronounced during the past few weeks that trade authorities predict an export of fully 1,000,000 gross during the coming year.

TO-DAY'S TRADING ON THE WINNIPEG MARKET

Winnipeg, Dec. 12.—The markets for wheat all closed strong and higher. The premiums were restored in part on spot wheat. No. 1 Northern being 1c. over, and No. 2 Northern, 3/4c. under, December wheat closed at 107 and May at 110, a gain for the day of 2 for December and 3/4c. for May. Oats closed with December at 29 and May at 41, a drop of 1/4c. for December and a gain of 1/4c. for May. Gossip was pretty generally bullish, especially on crop figures, the American visible supply showing a decided decrease. World's shipments were smaller and all round the indication was for a fairly steady and strong market for December.

Wheat—Open, Close, May, 110 1/2, 111 1/2, 112 1/2, 113 1/2, 114 1/2, 115 1/2, 116 1/2, 117 1/2, 118 1/2, 119 1/2, 120 1/2, 121 1/2, 122 1/2, 123 1/2, 124 1/2, 125 1/2, 126 1/2, 127 1/2, 128 1/2, 129 1/2, 130 1/2, 131 1/2, 132 1/2, 133 1/2, 134 1/2, 135 1/2, 136 1/2, 137 1/2, 138 1/2, 139 1/2, 140 1/2, 141 1/2, 142 1/2, 143 1/2, 144 1/2, 145 1/2, 146 1/2, 147 1/2, 148 1/2, 149 1/2, 150 1/2, 151 1/2, 152 1/2, 153 1/2, 154 1/2, 155 1/2, 156 1/2, 157 1/2, 158 1/2, 159 1/2, 160 1/2, 161 1/2, 162 1/2, 163 1/2, 164 1/2, 165 1/2, 166 1/2, 167 1/2, 168 1/2, 169 1/2, 170 1/2, 171 1/2, 172 1/2, 173 1/2, 174 1/2, 175 1/2, 176 1/2, 177 1/2, 178 1/2, 179 1/2, 180 1/2, 181 1/2, 182 1/2, 183 1/2, 184 1/2, 185 1/2, 186 1/2, 187 1/2, 188 1/2, 189 1/2, 190 1/2, 191 1/2, 192 1/2, 193 1/2, 194 1/2, 195 1/2, 196 1/2, 197 1/2, 198 1/2, 199 1/2, 200 1/2, 201 1/2, 202 1/2, 203 1/2, 204 1/2, 205 1/2, 206 1/2, 207 1/2, 208 1/2, 209 1/2, 210 1/2, 211 1/2, 212 1/2, 213 1/2, 214 1/2, 215 1/2, 216 1/2, 217 1/2, 218 1/2, 219 1/2, 220 1/2, 221 1/2, 222 1/2, 223 1/2, 224 1/2, 225 1/2, 226 1/2, 227 1/2, 228 1/2, 229 1/2, 230 1/2, 231 1/2, 232 1/2, 233 1/2, 234 1/2, 235 1/2, 236 1/2, 237 1/2, 238 1/2, 239 1/2, 240 1/2, 241 1/2, 242 1/2, 243 1/2, 244 1/2, 245 1/2, 246 1/2, 247 1/2, 248 1/2, 249 1/2, 250 1/2, 251 1/2, 252 1/2, 253 1/2, 254 1/2, 255 1/2, 256 1/2, 257 1/2, 258 1/2, 259 1/2, 260 1/2, 261 1/2, 262 1/2, 263 1/2, 264 1/2, 265 1/2, 266 1/2, 267 1/2, 268 1/2, 269 1/2, 270 1/2, 271 1/2, 272 1/2, 273 1/2, 274 1/2, 275 1/2, 276 1/2, 277 1/2, 278 1/2, 279 1/2, 280 1/2, 281 1/2, 282 1/2, 283 1/2, 284 1/2, 285 1/2, 286 1/2, 287 1/2, 288 1/2, 289 1/2, 290 1/2, 291 1/2, 292 1/2, 293 1/2, 294 1/2, 295 1/2, 296 1/2, 297 1/2, 298 1/2, 299 1/2, 300 1/2, 301 1/2, 302 1/2, 303 1/2, 304 1/2, 305 1/2, 306 1/2, 307 1/2, 308 1/2, 309 1/2, 310 1/2, 311 1/2, 312 1/2, 313 1/2, 314 1/2, 315 1/2, 316 1/2, 317 1/2, 318 1/2, 319 1/2, 320 1/2, 321 1/2, 322 1/2, 323 1/2, 324 1/2, 325 1/2, 326 1/2, 327 1/2, 328 1/2, 329 1/2, 330 1/2, 331 1/2, 332 1/2, 333 1/2, 334 1/2, 335 1/2, 336 1/2, 337 1/2, 338 1/2, 339 1/2, 340 1/2, 341 1/2, 342 1/2, 343 1/2, 344 1/2, 345 1/2, 346 1/2, 347 1/2, 348 1/2, 349 1/2, 350 1/2, 351 1/2, 352 1/2, 353 1/2, 354 1/2, 355 1/2, 356 1/2, 357 1/2, 358 1/2, 359 1/2, 360 1/2, 361 1/2, 362 1/2, 363 1/2, 364 1/2, 365 1/2, 366 1/2, 367 1/2, 368 1/2, 369 1/2, 370 1/2, 371 1/2, 372 1/2, 373 1/2, 374 1/2, 375 1/2, 376 1/2, 377 1/2, 378 1/2, 379 1/2, 380 1/2, 381 1/2, 382 1/2, 383 1/2, 384 1/2, 385 1/2, 386 1/2, 387 1/2, 388 1/2, 389 1/2, 390 1/2, 391 1/2, 392 1/2, 393 1/2, 394 1/2, 395 1/2, 396 1/2, 397 1/2, 398 1/2, 399 1/2, 400 1/2, 401 1/2, 402 1/2, 403 1/2, 404 1/2, 405 1/2, 406 1/2, 407 1/2, 408 1/2, 409 1/2, 410 1/2, 411 1/2, 412 1/2, 413 1/2, 414 1/2, 415 1/2, 416 1/2, 417 1/2, 418 1/2, 419 1/2, 420 1/2, 421 1/2, 422 1/2, 423 1/2, 424 1/2, 425 1/2, 426 1/2, 427 1/2, 428 1/2, 429 1/2, 430 1/2, 431 1/2, 432 1/2, 433 1/2, 434 1/2, 435 1/2, 436 1/2, 437 1/2, 438 1/2, 439 1/2, 440 1/2, 441 1/2, 442 1/2, 443 1/2, 444 1/2, 445 1/2, 446 1/2, 447 1/2, 448 1/2, 449 1/2, 450 1/2, 451 1/2, 452 1/2, 453 1/2, 454 1/2, 455 1/2, 456 1/2, 457 1/2, 458 1/2, 459 1/2, 460 1/2, 461 1/2, 462 1/2, 463 1/2, 464 1/2, 465 1/2, 466 1/2, 467 1/2, 468 1/2, 469 1/2, 470 1/2, 471 1/2, 472 1/2, 473 1/2, 474 1/2, 475 1/2, 476 1/2, 477 1/2, 478 1/2, 479 1/2, 480 1/2, 481 1/2, 482 1/2, 483 1/2, 484 1/2, 485 1/2, 486 1/2, 487 1/2, 488 1/2, 489 1/2, 490 1/2, 491 1/2, 492 1/2, 493 1/2, 494 1/2, 495 1/2, 496 1/2, 497 1/2, 498 1/2, 499 1/2, 500 1/2, 501 1/2, 502 1/2, 503 1/2, 504 1/2, 505 1/2, 506 1/2, 507 1/2, 508 1/2, 509 1/2, 510 1/2, 511 1/2, 512 1/2, 513 1/2, 514 1/2, 515 1/2, 516 1/2, 517 1/2, 518 1/2, 519 1/2, 520 1/2, 521 1/2, 522 1/2, 523 1/2, 524 1/2, 525 1/2, 526 1/2, 527 1/2, 528 1/2, 529 1/2, 530 1/2, 531 1/2, 532 1/2, 533 1/2, 534 1/2, 535 1/2, 536 1/2, 537 1/2, 538 1/2, 539 1/2, 540 1/2, 541 1/2, 542 1/2, 543 1/2, 544 1/2, 545 1/2, 546 1/2, 547 1/2, 548 1/2, 549 1/2, 550 1/2, 551 1/2, 552 1/2, 553 1/2, 554 1/2, 555 1/2, 556 1/2, 557 1/2, 558 1/2, 559 1/2, 560 1/2, 561 1/2, 562 1/2, 563 1/2, 564 1/2, 565 1/2, 566 1/2, 567 1/2, 568 1/2, 569 1/2, 570 1/2, 571 1/2, 572 1/2, 573 1/2, 574 1/2, 575 1/2, 576 1/2, 577 1/2, 578 1/2, 579 1/2, 580 1/2, 581 1/2, 582 1/2, 583 1/2, 584 1/2, 585 1/2, 586 1/2, 587 1/2, 588 1/2, 589 1/2, 590 1/2, 591 1/2, 592 1/2, 593 1/2, 594 1/2, 595 1/2, 596 1/2, 597 1/2, 598 1/2, 599 1/2, 600 1/2, 601 1/2, 602 1/2, 603 1/2, 604 1/2, 605 1/2, 606 1/2, 607 1/2, 608 1/2, 609 1/2, 610 1/2, 611 1/2, 612 1/2, 613 1/2, 614 1/2, 615 1/2, 616 1/2, 617 1/2, 618 1/2, 619 1/2, 620 1/2, 621 1/2, 622 1/2, 623 1/2, 624 1/2, 625 1/2, 626 1/2, 627 1/2, 628 1/2, 629 1/2, 630 1/2, 631 1/2, 632 1/2, 633 1/2, 634 1/2, 635 1/2, 636 1/2, 637 1/2, 638 1/2, 639 1/2, 640 1/2, 641 1/2, 642 1/2, 643 1/2, 644 1/2, 645 1/2, 646 1/2, 647 1/2, 648 1/2, 649 1/2, 650 1/2, 651 1/2, 652 1/2,

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LETTER FROM SANTA CLAUS.

My Dear Victoria Children:—I have sent word to most of you through your mothers and daddys that I shall probably be too busy looking after the poor homeless children in France and Belgium and Russia and Serbia to get around to Victoria this year. So there is something which I want you little children to do for me.

I have found out that there are in your city twelve hundred little ones whose daddys are away in Europe doing very hard work for us all. Now you children who have daddys at home don't need Christmas very badly this year; but I think it is pretty hard on these twelve hundred, don't you? So I have asked the Women's Canadian Club to provide a Christmas tree for them. Mrs. Pemberton is going to decorate the tree, so it is sure to be a beauty. And now this is what I want you to do—read carefully:

Think of a toy which you would like very much to have me bring you, and then run off down town and buy it. Then write your name and your age on the outside of the parcel and bring it to the Alexandra Club any time after 10 o'clock on Tuesday. I have asked some ladies to be there who will keep the parcels carefully and put them on the tree when I run in for a little while on my way to Europe on December 22nd, and I will give them to the children.

I shall ask the ladies to tell me about all the girls and boys who do this to help me and to make the twelve hundred boys and girls happy. Then when I see their daddys at Christmas I shall have some fine stories to tell them about you all.

Thank you very much for your help, dear kiddies, and I hope that next Christmas all the daddys will be back home so that I can come and see you all as usual.

Yours lovingly,

SANTA CLAUS.
P.S.—If you want any more information, will you ring up 1710L and Mrs. Elliott will tell you what you want to know? S.C.

MORE THOUGHTS.

To the Editor.—A short time since you were inviting your readers to express some of their thoughts from time to time on current events. I have been patiently waiting for some days now to see what the thoughts of some of them would be on the Nelson-Price coal scandal. Can it be that their thoughts on this are inexpressible? What a lot of "boobs" we must be in Victoria if we permit this sort of game to continue any longer. Surely all our public men and officials are not without a sense of honor and right feeling. Why, then, do they sit in silence under the stigma that this latest "Priceless" puts upon all of them—that sit down and suffer it without a loud protest—that should be heard from here to Ottawa?

What about our ministers of religion, who sit dumbly by while these things are openly done in our midst? Can it be that they are ministers of congregations—only, and afraid to lift up their voices against such flagrant and disgusting prostitution of the public service?

I can quite understand you, Mr. Editor, chortling in your glee at the complete exposure of the Conservative machine in regard to coal contracts, but more remains yet to be told.

Have you heard the story of the attempt to coal the Rainbow with \$7 coal that the admiralty turned down on sight as quite worthless for the purpose? I wonder who was responsible? And what do you think would happen to such a person in Germany, for instance, who in time of war tried to send a kaiser ship to sea with worthless fuel? And 3,000 tons of it at that!

As a matter of fact, you ought to be a strong admirer of H. P. "saucy," for his machinations and blunders must be worth many hundreds, aye thousands, of votes to your side. But what about the great and once honorable Conservative party, who have many good, clean, true, honest men among them yet? How do they treat these things?

Silence, remember, give consent, and it is up to those men to disavow (Satan I was about to say) but will name instead the powers of darkness, all their works if they are to keep the respect of their fellow-men.

These, Mr. Editor, are just a few of the thoughts that have occurred to me this week, and I conclude by signing myself an old-time Conservative, but peradventure now

A CYNIC.

Dec. 13.

STANDARDS FOR CANDIDATES.

To the Editor.—As aspirants to municipal honors are beginning to accumulate, a few remarks from an ordinary taxpayer may not be out of place.

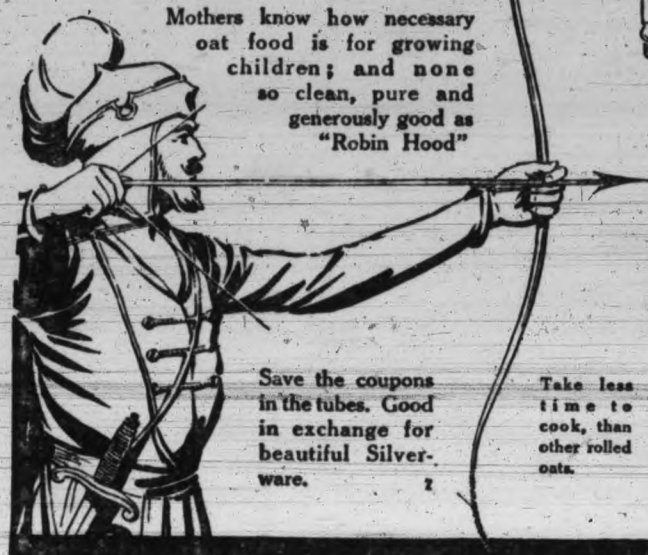
Retrenchment should and perhaps must be the city's slogan, if we wish to put our old and honored community past the financial breakers that are ahead. The time was never so auspicious, both in need and material, for us to secure the services of distinctly able men on the city council.

There are undoubtedly business men, the kind that rate A1 in the commercial world, who would not consider such an office, which in normal times would be impossible for them to undertake. Not necessarily the men who have the biggest interests, but men who have handled what interests they have successfully and are to-day steering their own particular enterprises safely

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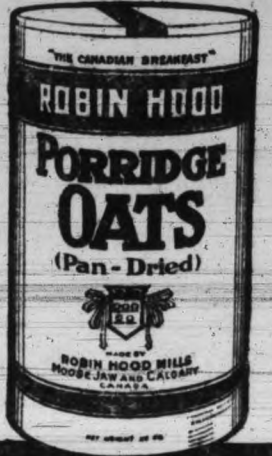
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land, etc., and the wages paid them by the government would be charged as principal to the farmer, who would have 25 or 30 years in which to repay the principal, together with the annual rate of interest stipulated as previously to starting work.

I have seen the aftermath of many wars and the soldiers' cry has always been the same: "We have volunteered for you, we have fought for you, we have been wounded for you, in order that you may remain at home in peace and quiet; but when the war is over we are forgotten or cast aside like old clothes." Let it not be said that British Columbia treated her brave sons in such a manner either during or after this war. The government has an opportunity such as has never been given to any government to do real and lasting good, and they will strengthen their own position a hundredfold, not only now but in the future, while at the same time they will benefit agriculture, which they assure us is the backbone of every country. Electors, get busy! Hustle your M. P. P. and so bring such pressure to bear on the government that they will be forced to act at once.

H. T. RUTHERFORD.
Duncan, Dec. 11.

THE DREDGE CONTRACT.

To the Editor.—Please allow me to express my deep disgust at the action of certain contemporaries which are endeavoring to hush up this perfectly palpable scandal. The ownership of the documents has nothing whatever to do with the issue. What we want to know is how can a contractor dredge up in one month alone 2,000 yards of earth and nearly 12,000 yards of rock, when the contour, mapped by government officials, shows only 4,500 yards of rock in the whole business? The hiring of thugs to close the witness' mouth will bear investigation also.

The long-suffering public have a right to ask for a thorough investigation. Let the contour maps and all necessary documents be produced right away—lest the "garbage man" claims them and hides them away from even the dredge.

ANTI-GRAFT.

A teacher had told a class of juvenile pupils that Milton, the poet, was blind. The next day she asked if any of them could remember what Milton's great affliction was. "Ye'm," replied one little fellow, "he was a poet."



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Meeting Last Evening

The prohibition organization opened
a central office for Vancouver Island
in the Union Bank building to-day. The
organization of the island will be in
charge of H. J. Knott, who was ap-
pointed by the Victoria executive on
Friday to inaugurate an active cam-
paign. The scope of the Victoria execu-
tive will be enlarged in keeping with
its wider field.

This information was given to a
meeting last evening at the old Victoria
theatre by the chairman of the Victo-
ria executive, J. Burt Morgan. He
indicated, after making a report on the
recent convention in Vancouver, that
the prohibitionists intended to secure
a real expression of opinion on the sub-
ject. With this object in view, a card
would be issued to each elector, with
certain spaces to fill in which he
would be asked to urge on the legisla-
ture the passage of a prohibition mea-
sure on the lines of the Alberta legisla-
tion, to become operative in 1917. Mean-
while it would be urged that the hours
of sale for liquor be considerably cur-
tailed. The cards as returned would
be checked up with the voters' lists,
and the information thus would be
used to secure the opinion of the electors
in a somewhat different form from the
counter petition recently presented to
the executive council, the value of
which they knew how to appreciate at
its true worth, said Mr. Morgan.

While he averred that the results of
the organization would be to roll up
an opinion which would be tremendous
and overwhelming, Mr. Morgan denied
that the Vancouver convention had tied
itself up to any political factions, or
supported an alliance with any party.
The portion of a resolution adopted at
the convention that the prohibition
party stood for that principle in prefer-
ence to any political party had been
distorted by the party press. It meant
what it said, that the prohibitionists
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trimmed with beads, metallic braid, or fur edg-
ing; make handsome gifts.

PROVINCIAL LOAN HAS BEEN RENEWED

(Continued from page 1.)

had reached the highest level in the
history of the Dominion at \$1,093,-
000,000?

Left, Unexplained.

"There is another matter that is left
unexplained both by Mr. Bowser and
the Colonist, and that is whether the
rate quoted includes the expenses of
publication, such as the elaborate news-
paper advertising which has been
carried on in the east in the effort to
raise the money, in which the rate was
stated to be 5.50 per cent.

"Had these shouts arisen over an
announcement that we were going to
discharge some of our obligations and
reduce the liabilities of the province
we could well have understood it, but
when it is simply over the fact that as
yet we are able to continue going into
debt, I see little reason why the gov-
ernment or its newspaper organ
should be so elated.

Illegality of Ministry.

"Who is the greatest enemy of his
country, the man who realizes its po-
tential wealth and on all occasions
seizes the opportunity of discarding
upon this, but who, also seeing the
mismanagement of an unbusinesslike
government, freely criticizes their ad-
ministration, or the man who, as a
member of the cabinet and in control
of the legislature, is deliberately a
party to the taking out of the provin-
cial treasury without the formality of
the sanction of the house of \$300,000 of
provincial funds for the purpose of
purchasing an Indian reserve, \$50,000 of
which goes into the pockets of two po-
litical friends, one his former partner
in his legal firm?

"Who is the 'knacker' of the financial
standing and the reputation for honest
dealing that our province should have,
the man who points out the great re-
sources it has and the manner in which
these have been handed out to specula-
tors, hindering and hampering its pro-
gress and prosperity, or the man who
permits legislation to be placed on the
statute books of British Columbia
known by him to be ultra vires of the
province, under which hundreds of
thousands of dollars of the savings of
the industrious poor were deposited in
the Dominion Trust to be swept away
in its collapse, bringing poverty and
desolation into homes throughout—one
of the worst 'knocks' the province has
received in the eyes of the investing
public—some of which savings have no
doubt found their way into his own
pockets as chief legal adviser for the
company in his capacity of senior part-
ner in Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge as
the price for the advice and assistance
which enabled it to operate in defiance
of the parliament of Canada to take
deposits?

"Whose action, I ask, is more likely
to 'knock' the financial standing of
British Columbia, and rock the finan-
cial boat, than that of Mr. Bowser has
been in this and many other of his
acts as a minister of the crown?

Bowser and Harry Price.

"It ill becomes Mr. Bowser to attack
anyone on the score of injuring our
financial credit when it is proven on
oath, as it has been in this city within
the last few days, that the chief agent
of the local machine which made it
possible for the candidates of his gov-
ernment to be retained in the represen-
tation of the city of Victoria during
three successive contests, has taken an
illegitimate commission of fifty cents a

ton on the coal supplied to the dredges
and the public buildings in Victoria,
and yet he is not reprimanded nor re-
moved from his position of power to
take toll by this man, now leader of his
party, who is so jealous of the good
name of the province.

"After the publication of the letters
which passed between Victor H. Love,
as secretary of the Vancouver Con-
servative association, and W. H. Price,
as secretary of the local organization,
as well as the recent exposure of
Price's methods and activities, there
can be but the one conclusion, that he
cannot be removed because he knows
too much of the inner workings of the
machine of which Mr. Bowser is the
supreme head.

"If Mr. Bowser is so keenly anxious
to better the financial position of the
province it would be well for him to
do his bit towards helping out its
finances by paying at least as much in
rental for his oyster-bed leases as
other licensees have to pay.

Denounced by Courts.

"I am criticized for having said that
the government of the province was in a
'rotten' condition. I must plead not
guilty to using that particular expres-
sion in any connection in any inter-
view I gave or speech I made in the
east, but it certainly describes the con-
dition brought about by an attorney-
general who 'throws the protecting
arm of the law about the practice of
prostitution in this province,' and
causes the commitment papers of those
sent to prison for offences against the
moral and criminal laws to be pitched
into the street and trampled on, while
the doors of the prison are shut in the
faces of convicted offenders.

"What sort of an advertisement is it
for the province when it becomes
necessary for the chief justice of Brit-
ish Columbia to say, in referring to the
attorney-general, that the fountain
head of justice is tainted at its source?
The record of his department since he
took the portfolio has been one of un-
successful litigation, of flouting the
criminal law, of using the position for
personal benefit through his Vancou-
ver legal firm, and of building up a
political machine which has no equal
in Canada, and for which Tammany
seems to have served as a model.

"And he is the same man who, as
chief law officer of the crown, permit-
ted the alienation of millions of acres
of the best agricultural lands of the
province by means of powers of attor-
ney, a method since proclaimed by the
supreme court of Canada and the
supreme court of British Columbia to
be a fraud upon the Land Act, and as
being contrary to public policy in be-
ing an invasion of the Land Act and
thus illegal. This was only following
after he had himself blatantly
proclaimed in his own defence on one
occasion that the speculator must have
his chance. If the conditions in Brit-
ish Columbia are 'rotten,' who more
responsible than the attorney-general?

What the Colonist Got.

"And as for dear old Grandma Colo-
nist, who holds up her hands in horror
at the rocking of the financial boat,
she evidently forgets the gentle tilt she
gave it a few years ago, landing \$75,000
of the public funds in her lap, \$45,000
of which has got so tangled up in her
apron strings that no trace of its dis-
posal has been discovered since. The
government has always fought against
the meeting of the public accounts
committee, by which some light might
be thrown on these matters, and when
after many years the committee was
called together the recipient of that
money was out of the country and so
could not be examined.

"Lack of a sense of responsibility is
attributed to me by the Colonist be-
cause I told the truth as to conditions.

It is the same old story of endeavoring
to hide the true facts, facts that are so
plain and stare one in the face so
clearly that the wonder is anyone could
think it possible to hide them. It
seems to me that the lack of responsi-
bility is all on the part of the govern-
ment, and especially of its new leader,
Mr. Bowser. If there is any hopeless
pessimism being shown by anyone—
and certainly I have no such feeling in
spite of all the misdoings of the gov-
ernment—it is by Mr. Bowser in put-
ting through a loan at a high rate of
interest for a long term of years. His
faith in the resources and the future of
the province is not what it should be
when he takes a step like that.

"The whole thing comes back to
what I have already said, the real an-
nouncement is that Mr. Bowser is now
in the saddle and that he is going to go
to the country in a very short time,
with funds in the treasury to oil the
machine."

A Boundless Optimism.

Reference has been made by the
morning contemporary and the attor-
ney-general to statements by Mr.
Brewster in the east and comments on
what he had to say. Several of these
have been published here, and contain
the best refutation of these references.

The Manitoba Free Press, Winnipeg,
says that Mr. Brewster sounded a very
high note of optimism regarding the
wonderful natural resources of the pro-
vince, and goes on to say that he con-
sidered that the province had been
grossly mismanaged, but that he be-
lieved that with a proper business ad-
ministration there was no question but
it would quickly forge ahead and take
its place as one of the foremost of the
provinces of the Dominion. In the
next paragraph the Free Press says:

"Mr. Brewster went on to speak in
glowing terms of the marvelous wealth
of the province, but regretted the hold-
ing of large sections of arable land by
huge syndicates, which in many cases
had their headquarters on foreign
soil."

In Montreal Mr. Brewster was quoted
as saying that British Columbia
was being talked of not only in Canada
but all over the world; and he regretted
that on some occasions it was referred
to disparagingly. Personally, he
said, he did not think there were 400,-
000 people anywhere in the world who
had greater potential wealth than the
people of B. C., but unfortunately they
were working under economic con-
ditions which were far from satisfac-
tory, brought about through the elec-
tion to office of men who had not
sufficient foresight to make the best
of the natural resources of the pro-
vince, and had neglected the basic in-
dustry of agriculture.

Throughout his stay in the east he
lost no opportunity of praising the
province as to its resources and resili-
ence, but naturally neither he nor
any person speaking truthfully of the
government could utter any words in
praise of it.

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ness is to come up. As this is the an-
nual meeting of the lodge, at which the
election of officers for the coming year
will be held, it is hoped that all mem-
bers will make an effort to attend, for
much of the success of the society de-

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11TH TROOP, BOY SCOUTS

Great Progress Made in Movement
Among Oak Bay Boys; Recent
Activities.

The 11th (Oak Bay) Troop of Boy Scouts
was first organized as "sea scouts"

under Capt. Jarvis, and did so well that
the chief scout of the whole movement,
General Baden-Powell, made special men-
tion of them in "My World Tour," pub-
lished in the official organ of the Boy
Scouts, "The Scout," in 1912.

The troop, however, became disorgan-
ized until, through the efforts of the Rev.
G. H. Andrews, rector of Oak Bay, it
was once more started in November,
1914, with E. P. Fox as scoutmaster. Owing
to ill-health, Mr. Fox was obliged to
resign, but, luckily, a new scoutmaster
was found in T. A. Burgess.

When started the troop consisted of
eight scouts, but, in twelve months' time
this number had increased steadily and
surely, and now shows a list of thirty-
five scouts on the roll. The troop had
a camp on Shoal Bay last summer, and
by the experience gained there look for-
ward to a larger one next summer. The
troop's headquarters are the old school
room, Foul Bay road, kindly lent to them
by Arthur Robertson. A new fence,
erected by the boys, is most creditable
to them. They are now busy construct-
ing a miniature rifle range, approved
by the local authorities, and if this is
satisfactorily carried out it should go
far towards increasing the numbers of
the troop.

The troop entered a team for competi-
tion for the Bass cup. This team had
over E. P. Ward's range on Oak Bay
venue last month and was won by the
Oak Bay troop. The competition was
keenly contested, and but few points
separated the three teams. The prize,

a very pretty embroidered pennant,
donated by Mrs. Hennell, was presented
by Mrs. E. P. Ward to the youngest
member of the troop, Scout Nash.

The troop celebrated the first anniver-
sary of its re-organization on the eve-
ning of November 25, when a very pleas-
ant time was passed. Rev. G. H. An-
drews spoke in his usual happy style,
and predicted a bright future for the
Oak Bay troop. Regrets for non-atten-
dances were received from Rev. the Hon.
T. H. Hennessey, the provincial com-
missioner; Lt.-Col. Cunliffe, district com-
missioner, and B. P. Ward (hon. sec-
retary), who were prevented by presen-
tation through different causes. Patrol
Leader Stanley Blyth is the secretary
and treasurer of the troop and is most
energetic in carrying out his duties.
Patrol Leader P. L. Davenport has been
promoted to the office of assistant scout-
master, and is taking keen interest in
the troop. Scouts T. Hibben and Claude
Floyd have enlisted with the 88th Victo-
ria Fusiliers for overseas duty.

The annual relay race was competed
for in Victoria on Saturday. Only three
troops entered, the 3rd, 11th, and Col-
legiate school. For some reason some
of the boys of 11th did not turn out, so
that the race was a walk-over for 3rd
troop. It is not encouraging to the com-
mittee who take the trouble to arrange
all details for this race to find the scouts
take so little interest in it, and unless
there is an improvement the executive
committee will have to consider whether
it is not better in future to cancel it
altogether.

The meetings of the 11th troop take
place weekly on Friday evenings, and
every encouragement is given to boys
wishing to join. With the good start
the troop has made it should be one of
the strongest and most successful in
Victoria, but to make it so the boys
must support their leaders by regular
attendance at the weekly meetings. Un-
less this is done the work and teaching
of the troop as a whole will be greatly
hampered and their usefulness impaired.

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